

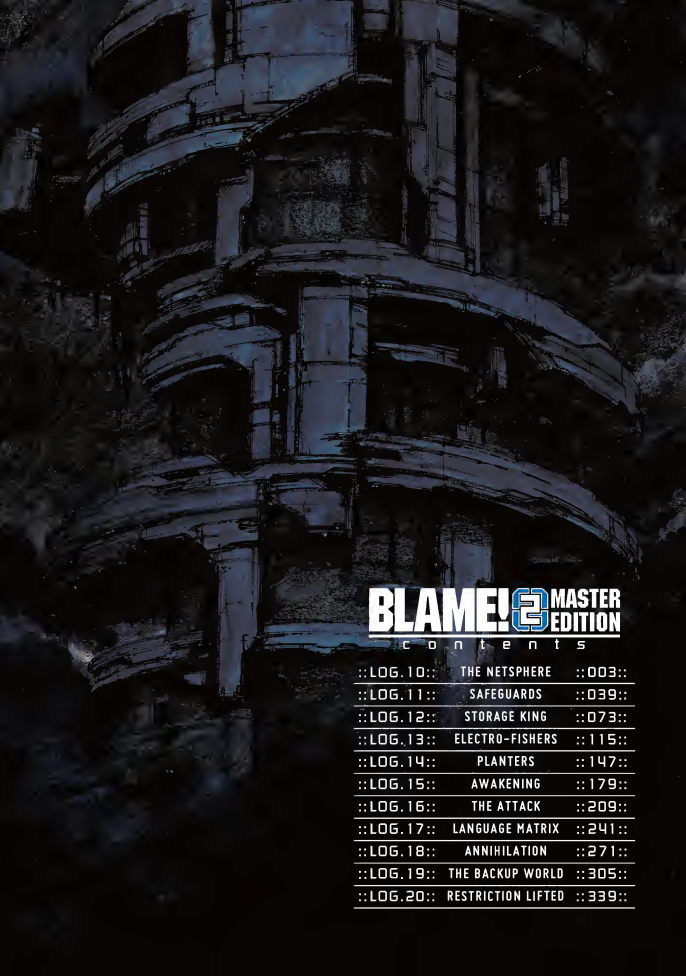
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**MASTER
EDITION**

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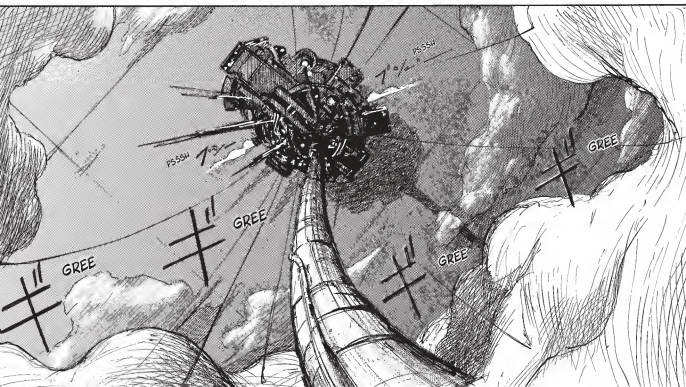
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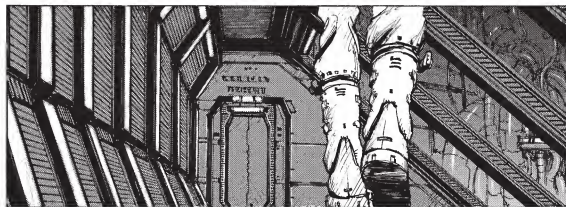
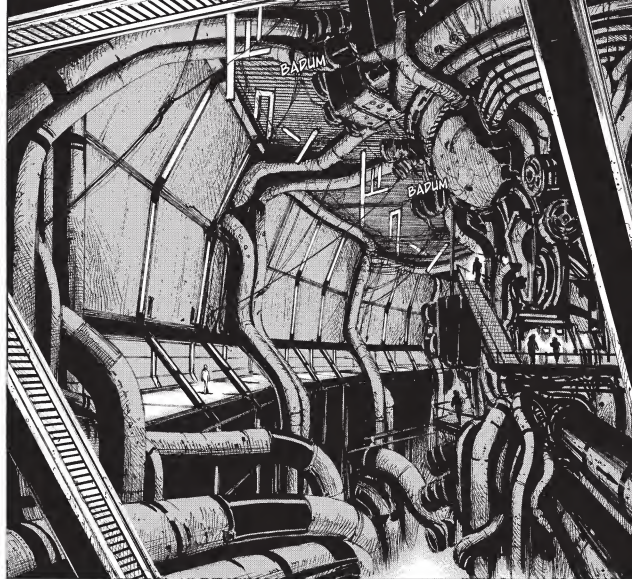
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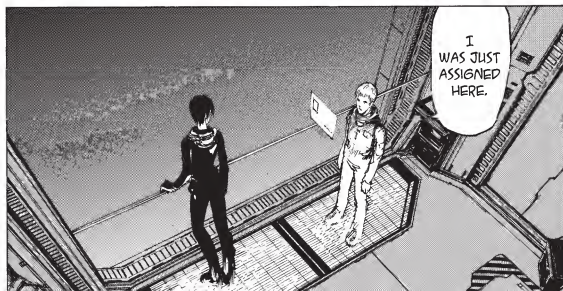
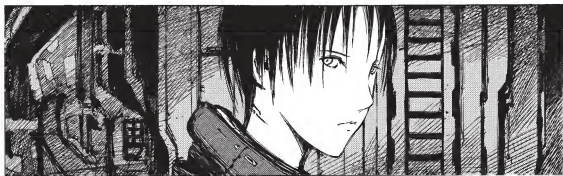
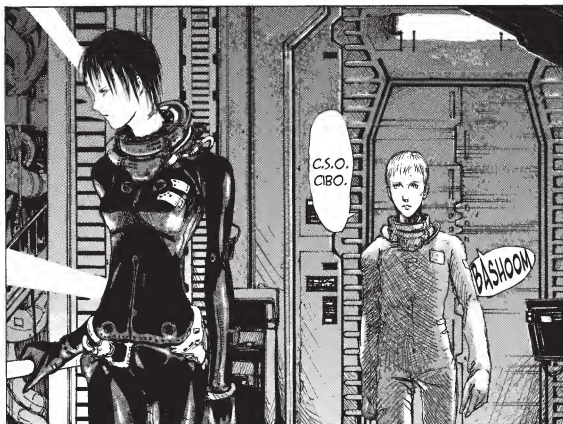
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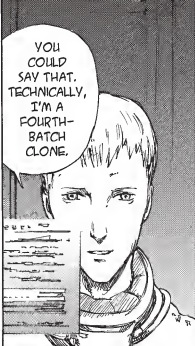
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THE NETSPHERE







YOU
COULD
SAY THAT.
TECHNICALLY,
I'M A
FOURTH-
BATCH
CLONE.



ARE YOU
"RELATED"
TO THE
PRESIDENT
...?

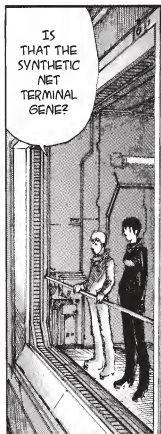


I'M
GLAD I
MADE
IT.

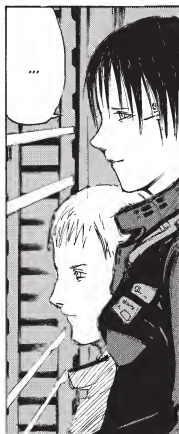
YOU'RE
CONNECTING
TO THE
NETSPHERE
?



PERFECT
TIMING. THE
EXPERIMENT
IS JUST
ABOUT TO
BEGIN.



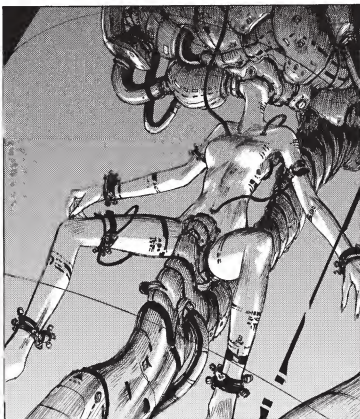
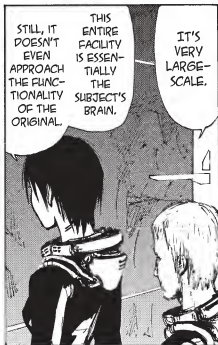
IS
THAT THE
SYNTHETIC
NET
TERMINAL
GENE?

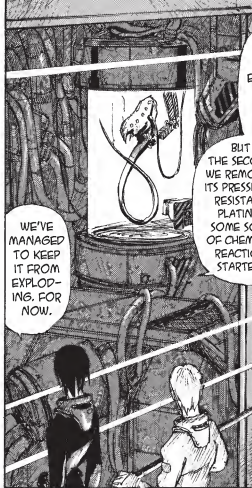


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THIS IS
EXACTLY WHY
I BEGGED
MY FATHER
FOR THE
PROMOTION.

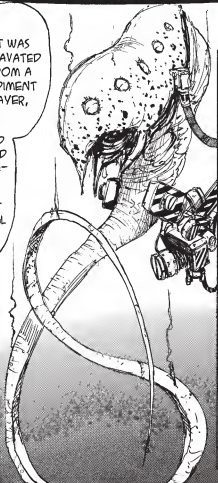




WE'VE
MANAGED
TO KEEP
IT FROM
EXPLOD-
ING, FOR
NOW.

IT WAS
EXCAVATED
FROM A
SEDIMENT
LAYER,

BUT
THE SECOND
WE REMOVED
ITS PRESSURE-
RESISTANT
PLATING,
SOME SORT
OF CHEMICAL
REACTION
STARTED.



WHAT'S
FLOATING
IN THAT
TANK
THERE?

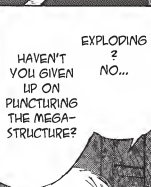


AN
AUXILIARY
POWER
SOURCE
FROM THE
CITY.



I
WAS ONLY
ORDERED TO
STOP BY THE
COMMITTEE.

NOT
EXACTLY.



HAVEN'T
YOU GIVEN
UP ON
PUNCTURING
THE MEGA-
STRUCTURE?

EXPLODING
?
NO...

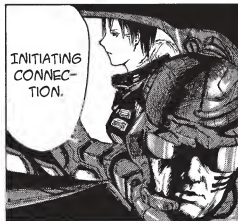
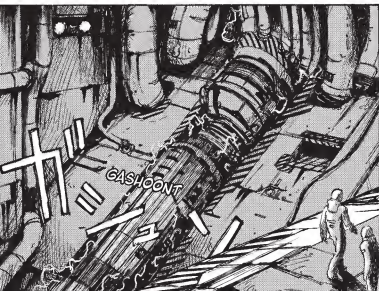
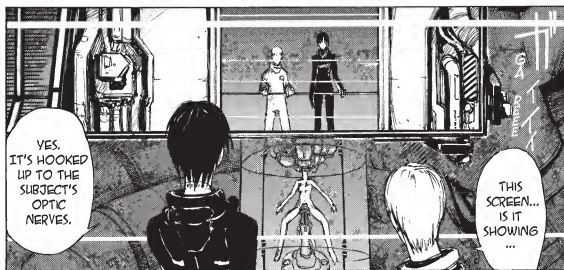
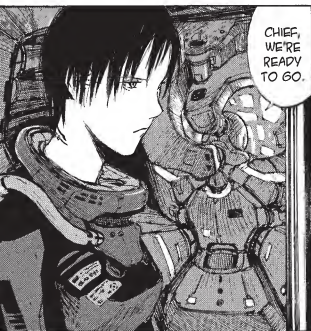


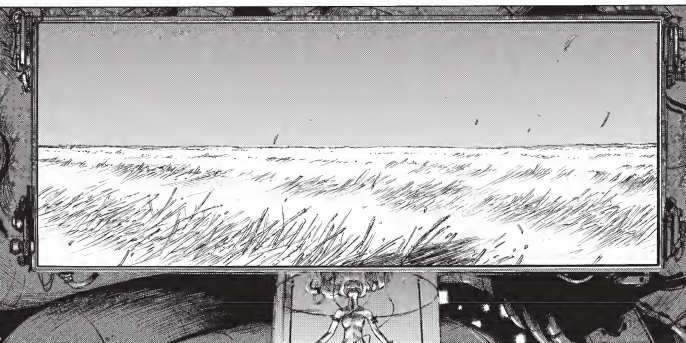
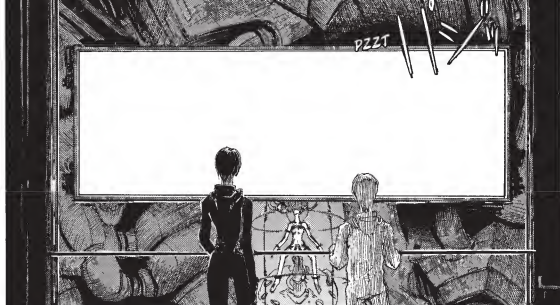
I'M
SURE THE
PRESIDENT
ALREADY
KNOWS,
HE CAN
STOP ME
ANYTIME
HE
WANTS.

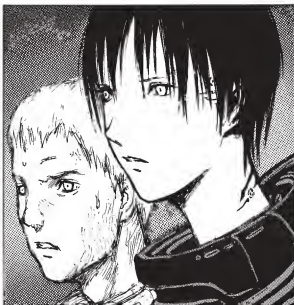
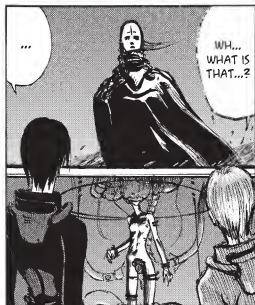
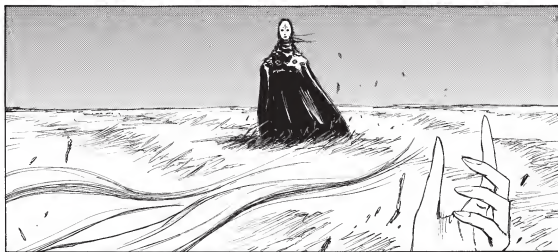
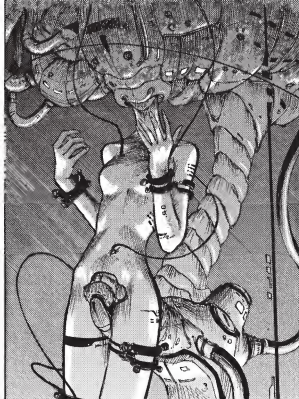
SHOULD
YOU
REALLY BE
TELLING
ME THIS?

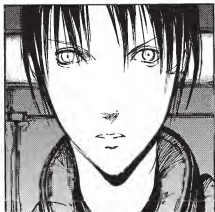
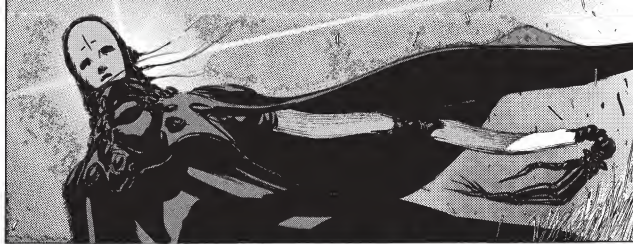
SO
YOU'RE
GOING
TO USE
THAT?

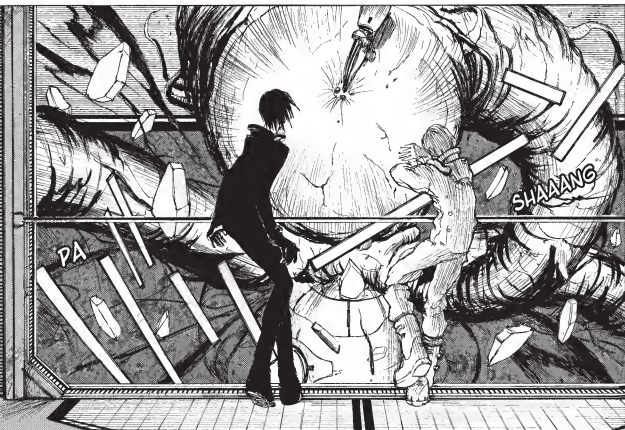
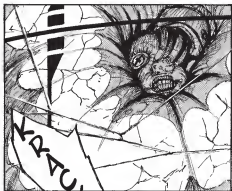
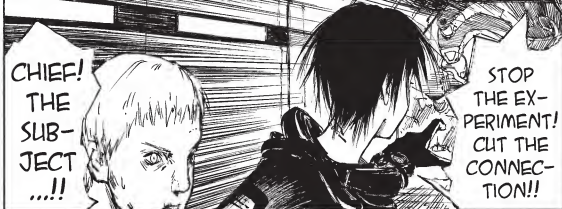


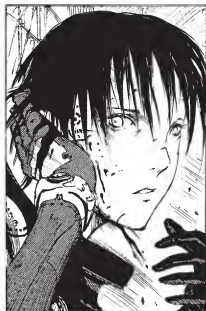


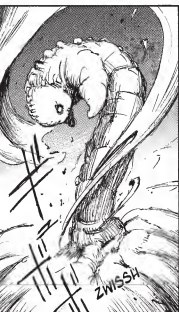


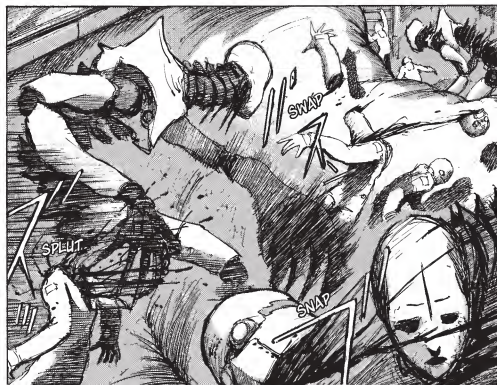
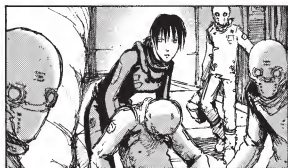


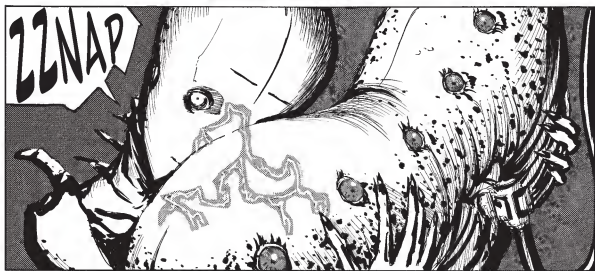
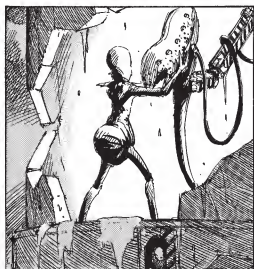
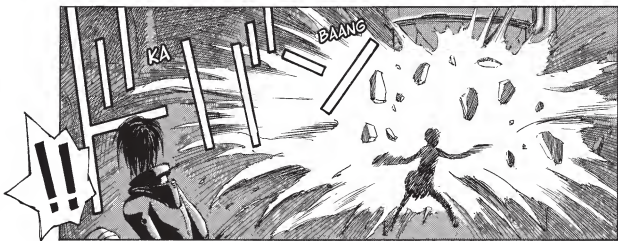


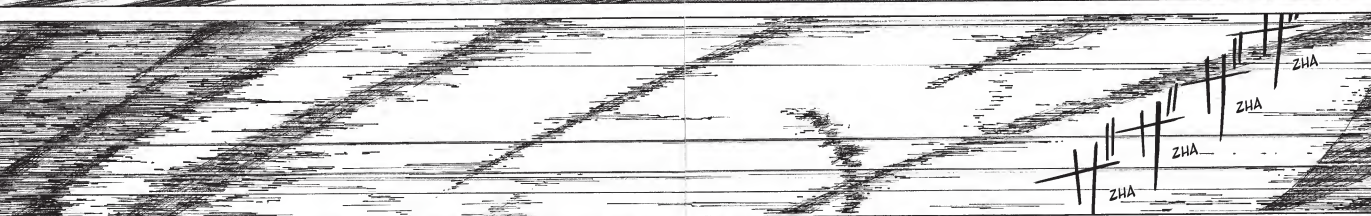
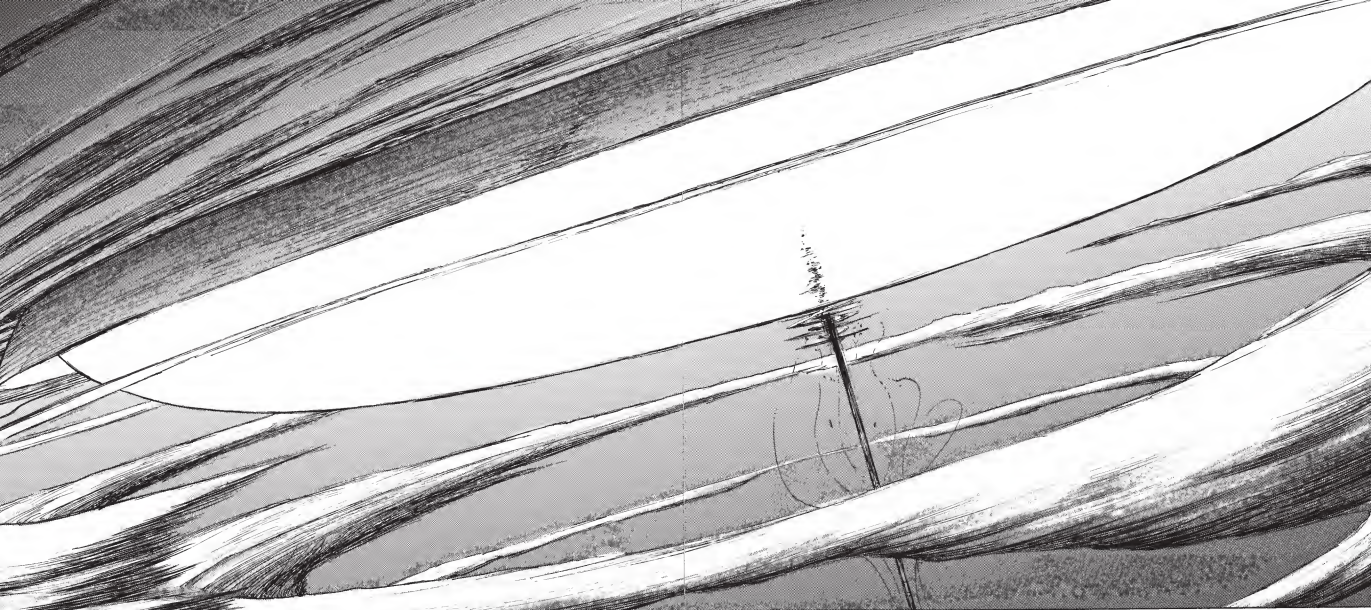


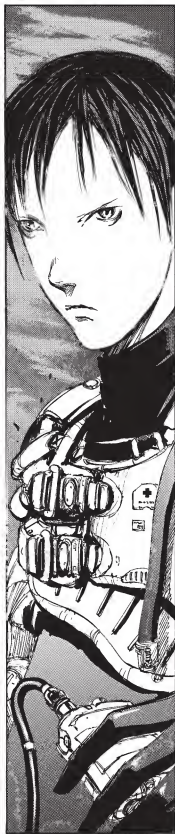
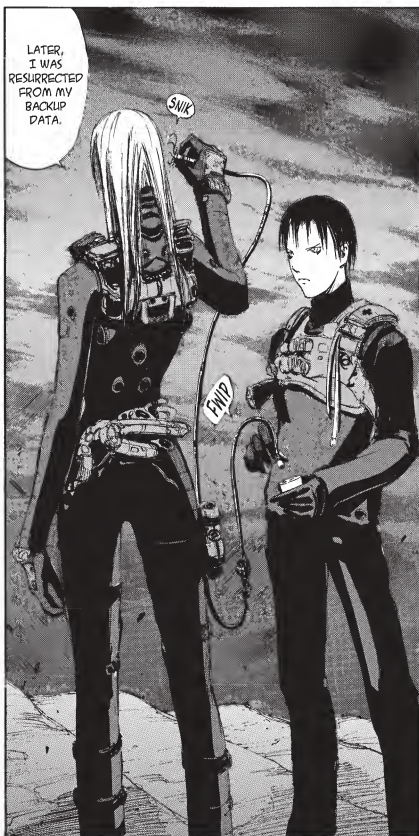


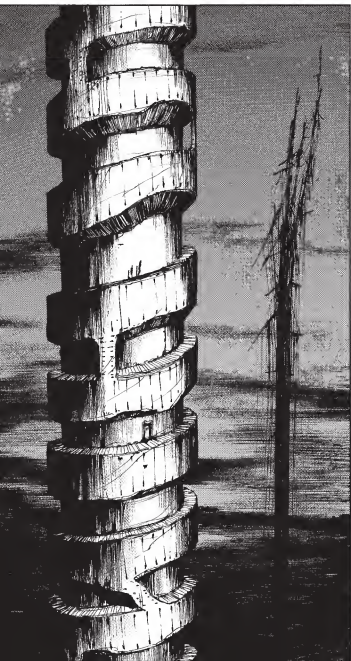
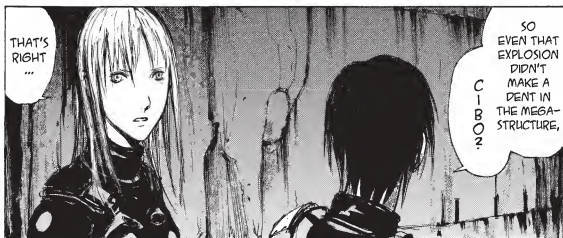


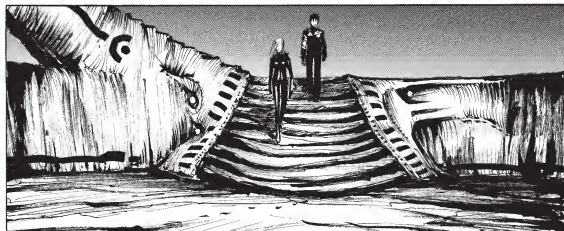
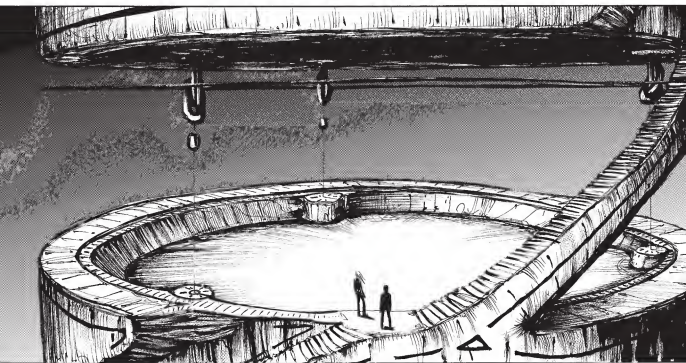
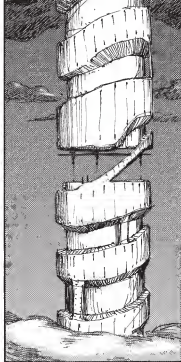


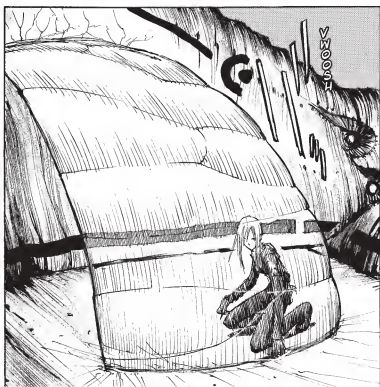
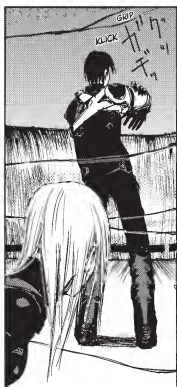
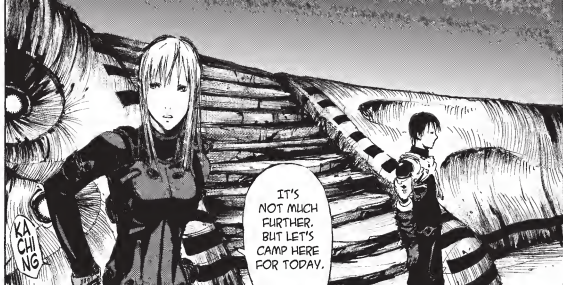


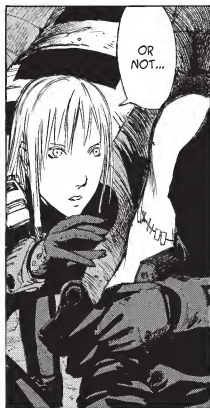
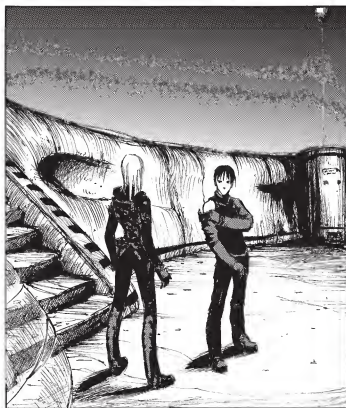


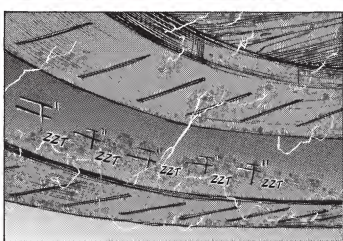
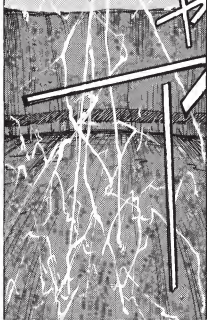
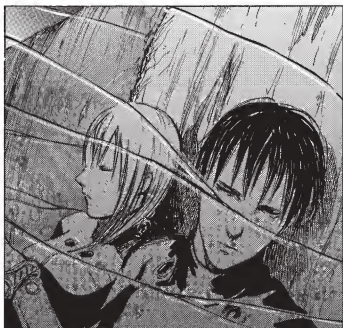
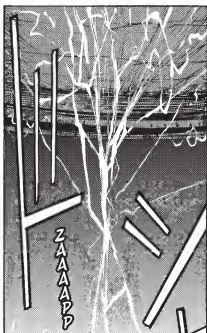
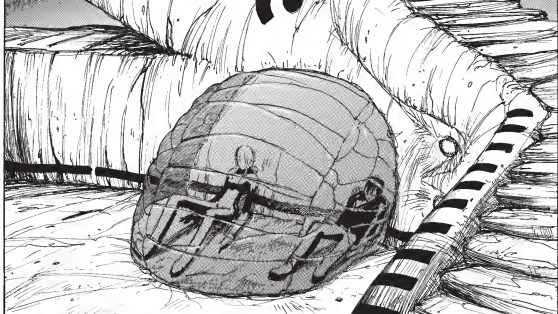


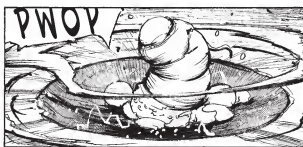
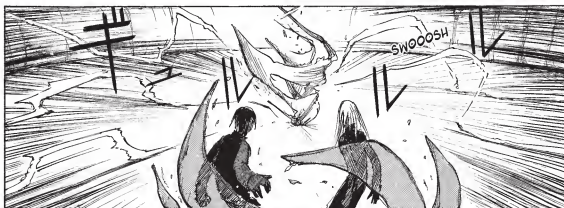


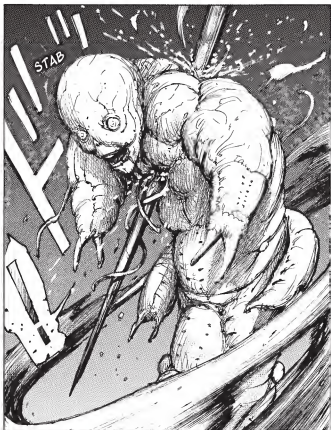
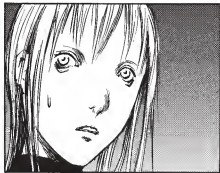
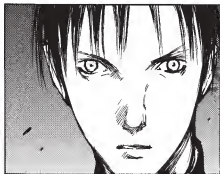
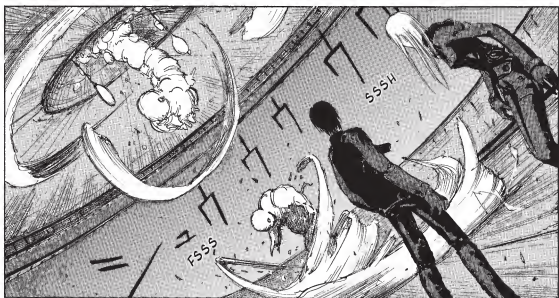
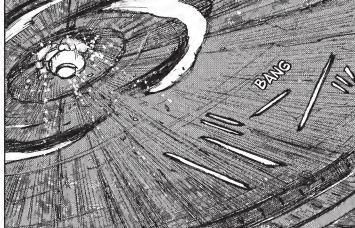


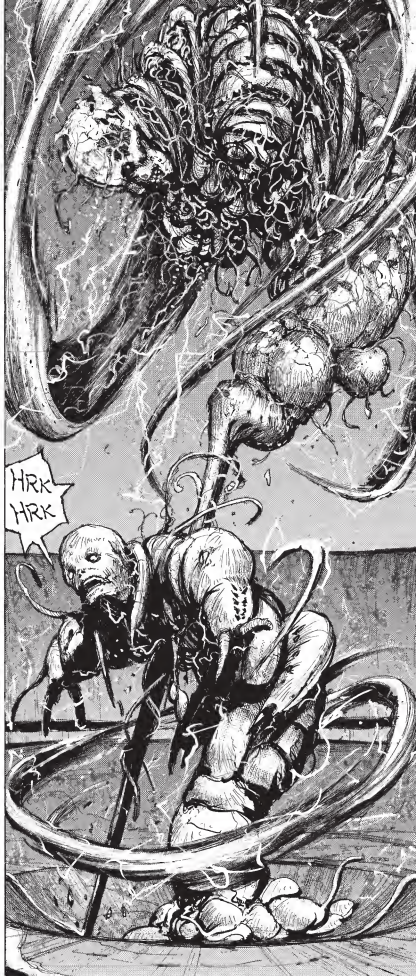
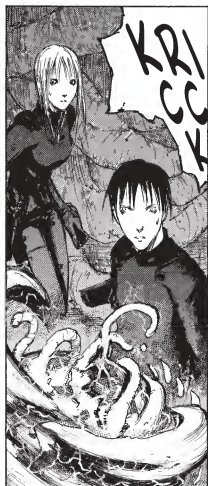


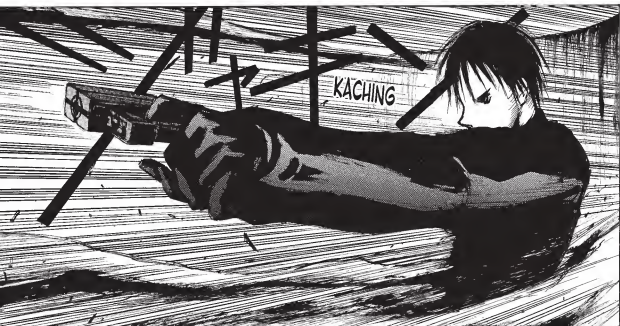
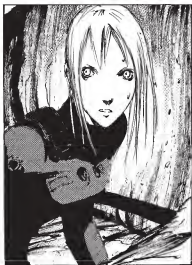
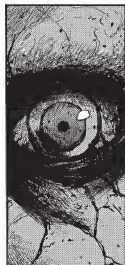




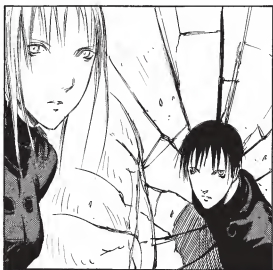
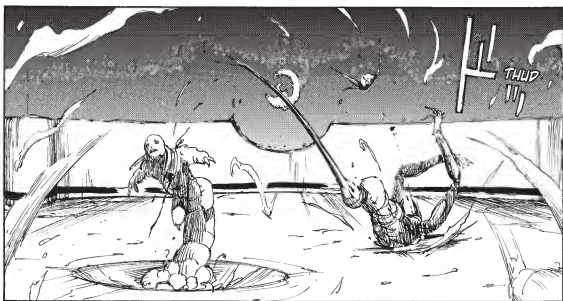
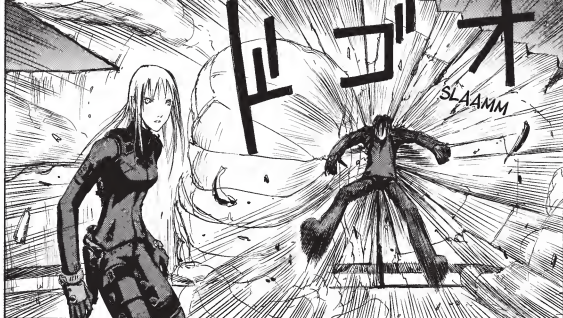


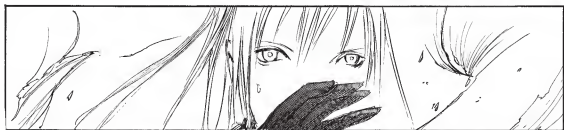


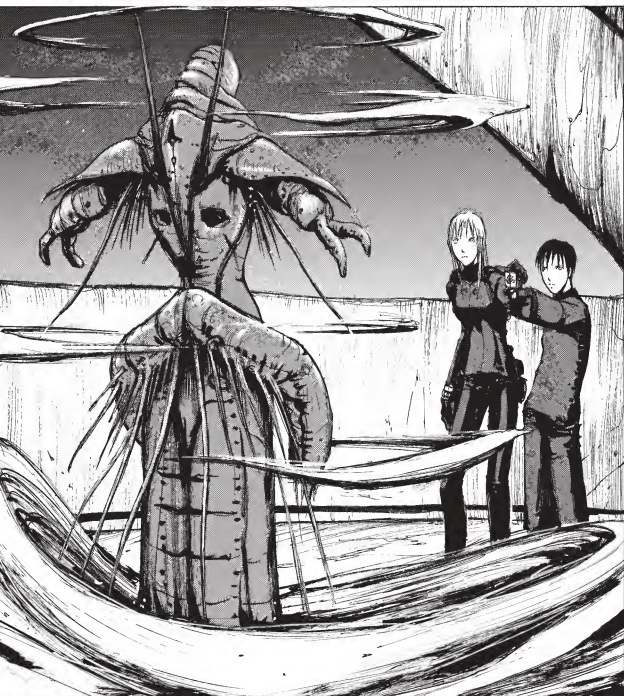
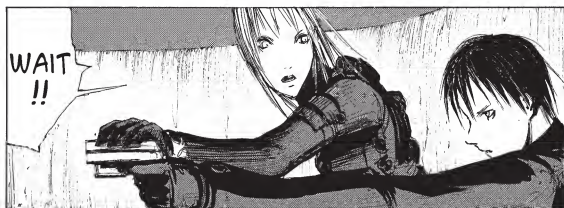


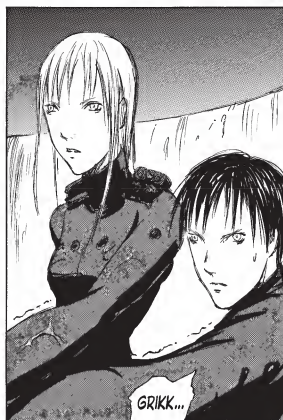
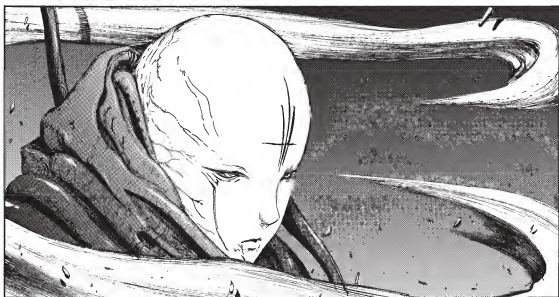


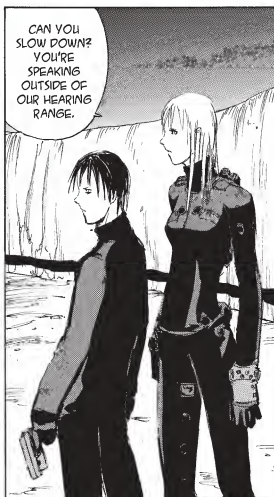
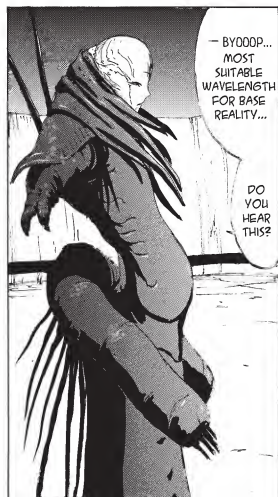
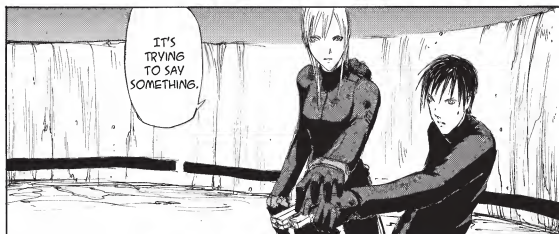


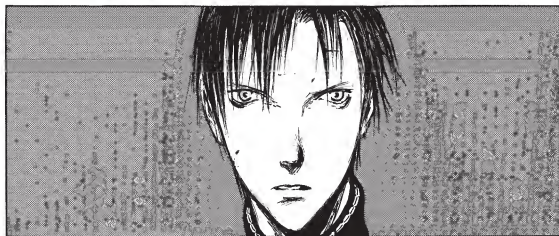
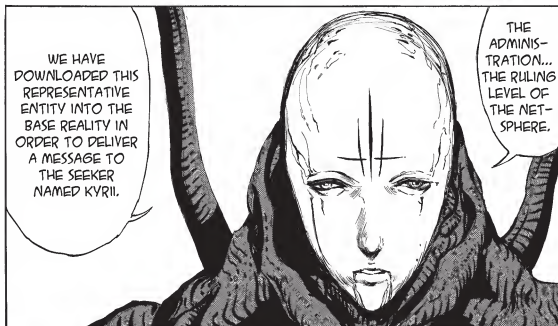
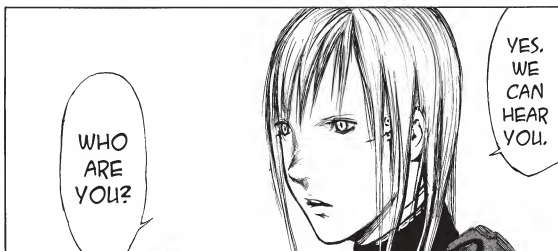


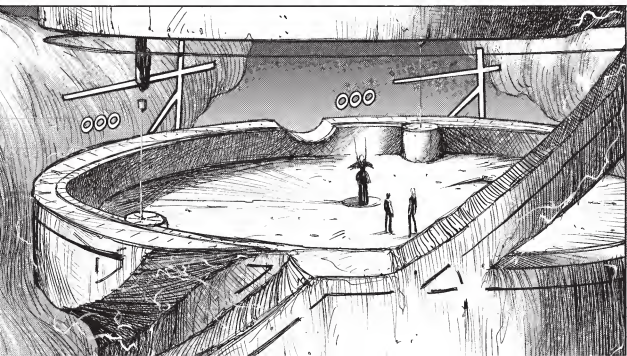
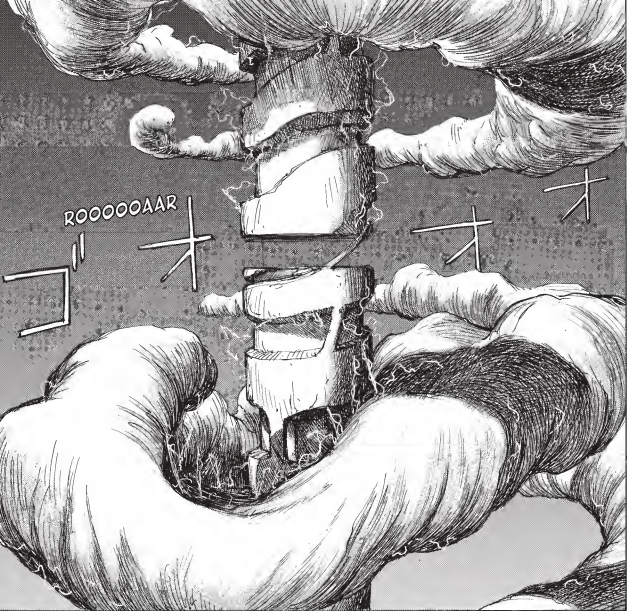












WE ARE
UNABLE TO
CONTACT
YOU
DIRECTLY.

DUE
TO THE
UNPREDICT-
ABILITY
CAUSED
BY THE
INFECTION,

:: LOG.11::
SAFEGUARDS

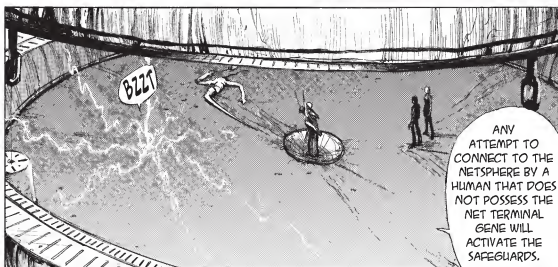


THIS IS
BECAUSE,
REGARD-
LESS
OF THE
METHOD,

HOWEVER,
NOT A SINGLE
ONE OF YOUR
ATTEMPTS
HAS
SUCCEEDED.



WE KNOW
THAT YOU
HUMANS HAVE
ENDEAVORED
TO BREAK
FREE OF
OUR MUTUAL
ISOLATION.

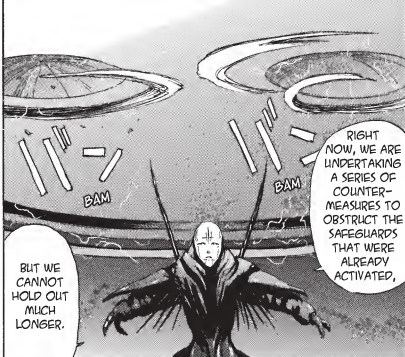


ANY
ATTEMPT TO
CONNECT TO THE
NETSPHERE BY A
HUMAN THAT DOES
NOT POSSESS THE
NET TERMINAL
GENE WILL
ACTIVATE THE
SAFEGUARDS.



THEY
FUNCTION
AUTONOMOUSLY
IN EVERY PART
OF THE
NETSPHERE.
EVEN WE, AT
THE CONTROL
LEVEL, CANNOT
INTERFERE.

SO
WHAT IS
YOUR
GOAL?



RIGHT
NOW, WE ARE
UNDERTAKING
A SERIES OF
COUNTER-
MEASURES TO
OBSTRUCT THE
SAFEGUARDS
THAT WERE
ALREADY
ACTIVATED,

BUT WE
CANNOT
HOLD OUT
MUCH
LONGER.

THIS
PHENOMENON
HAS GONE ON FOR
SO LONG THAT WE
ARE NO LONGER
CAPABLE OF
COMPLETELY
GRASPING ITS SCALE.

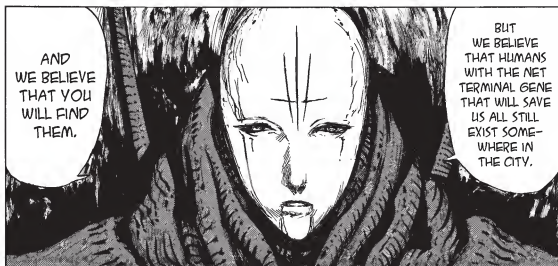
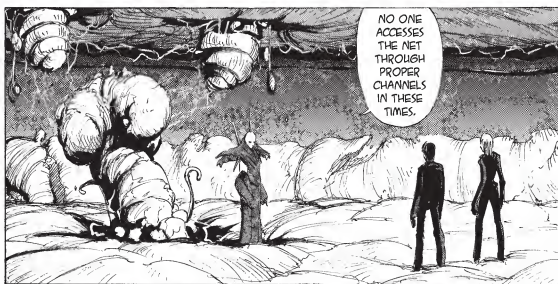


THE
CITY GROWS
AT RANDOM,
AND ONLY
KEEPS
GROWING.

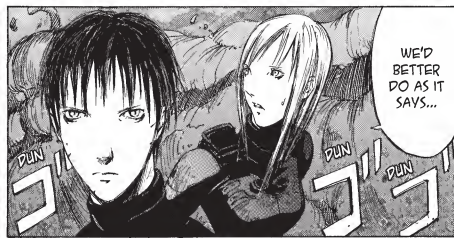
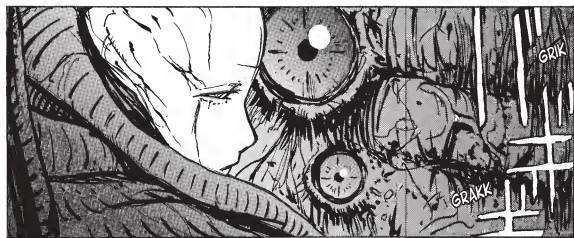
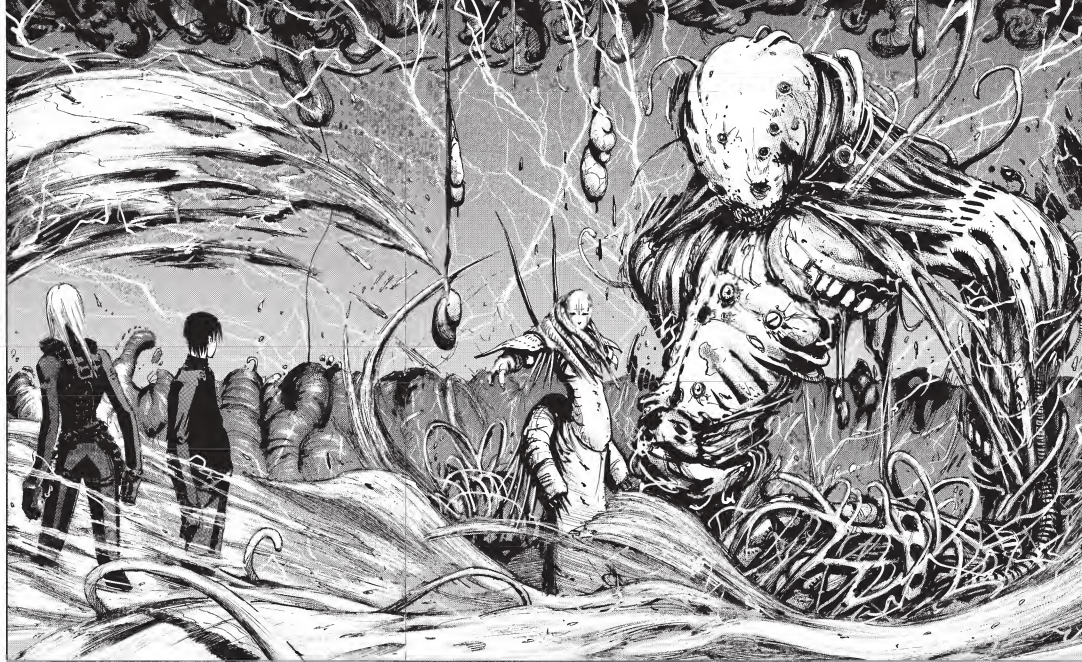
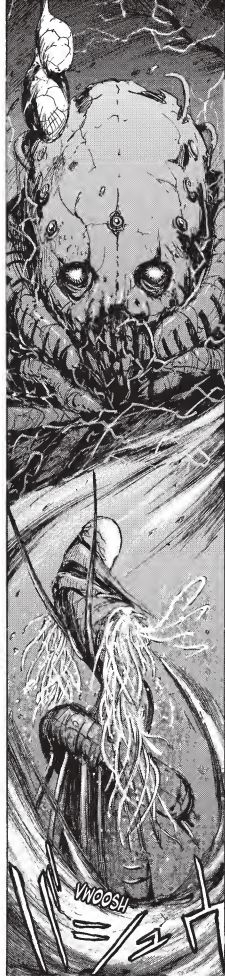
THE
CONNECTIONS
BETWEEN THE
STRATA ARE UNSTABLE,
WHICH HINDERS THE
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE NETSPHERE,
WHICH ACCELERATES
THE CHAOS.



THE
HARDWARE
FOR THE
NETSPHERE
IS BUILT INTO
THE MAIN
STRUCTURE
OF THE
CITY.

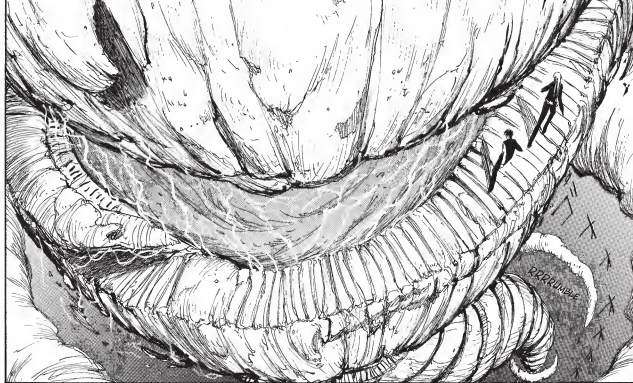


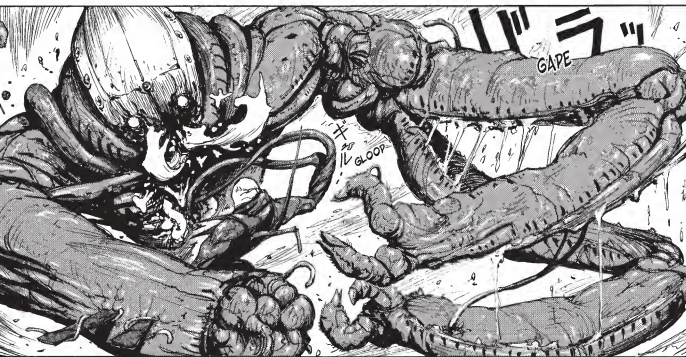






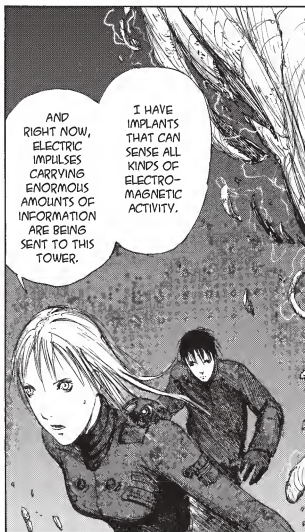








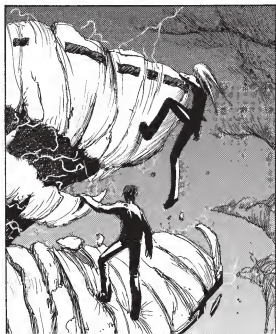
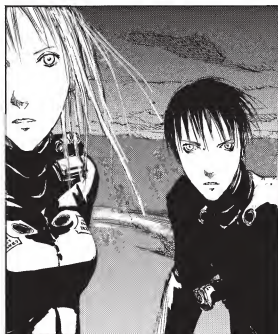
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THINK THE
NEXT PACKET
WILL BE
LOCALIZED
LIKE THE
LAST ONE.

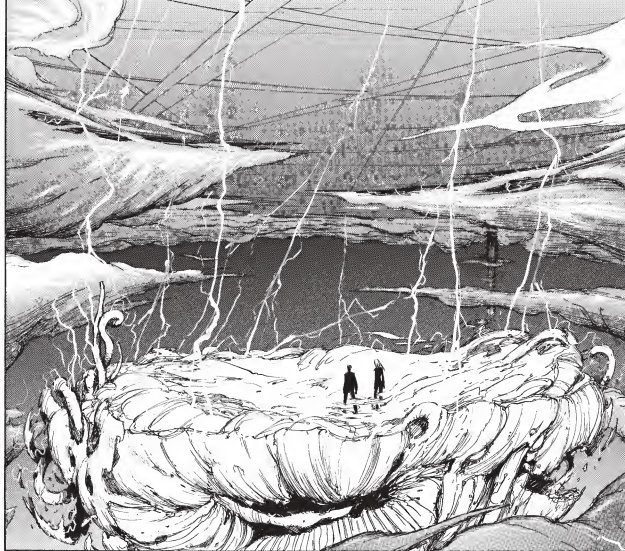


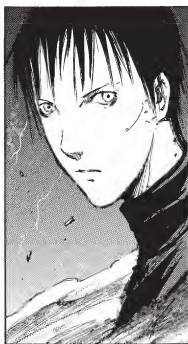
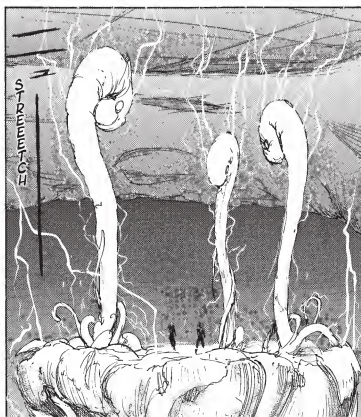
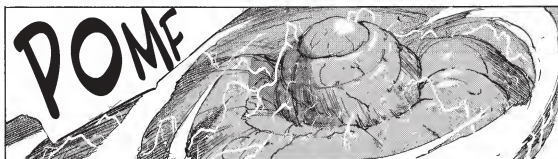
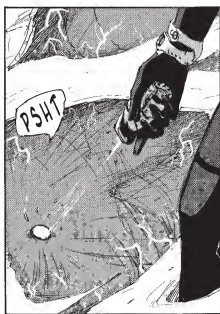
AND
RIGHT NOW,
ELECTRIC
IMPULSES
CARRYING
ENORMOUS
AMOUNTS OF
INFORMATION
ARE BEING
SENT TO THIS
TOWER.

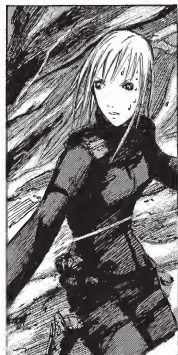
I HAVE
IMPLANTS
THAT CAN
SENSE ALL
KINDS OF
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
ACTIVITY.



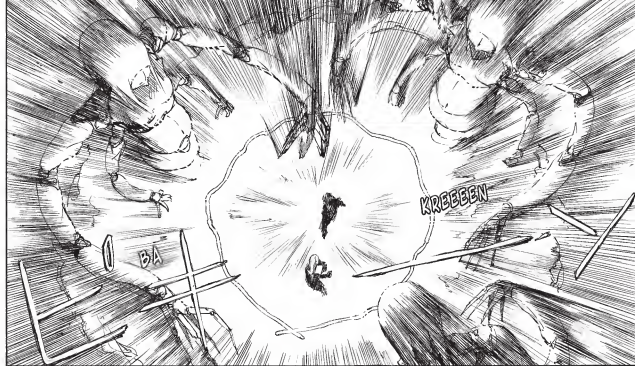


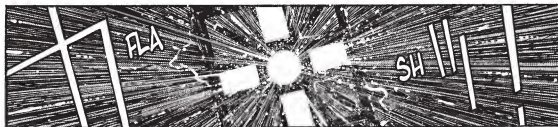


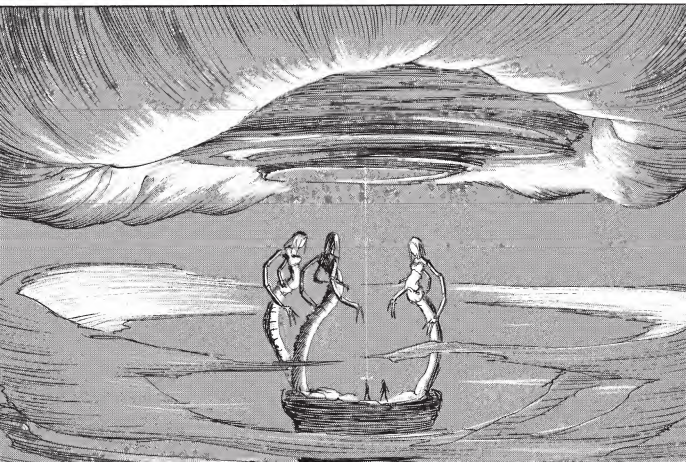
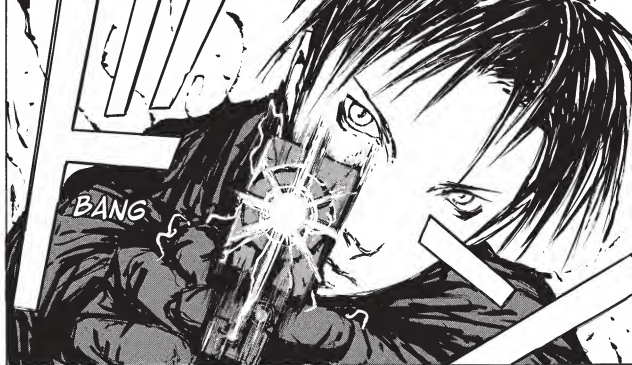


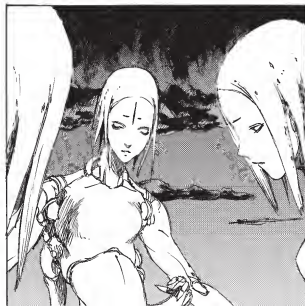
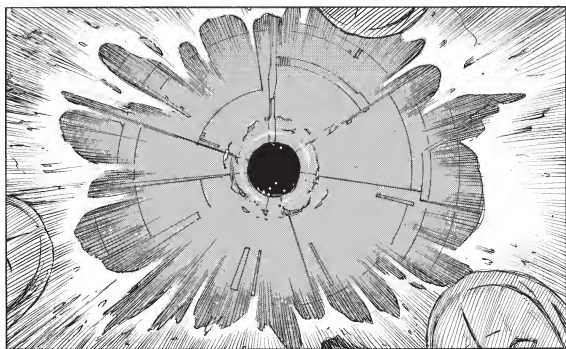


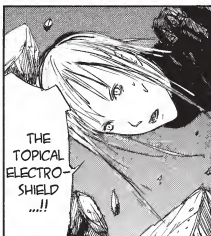


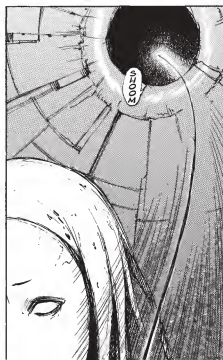
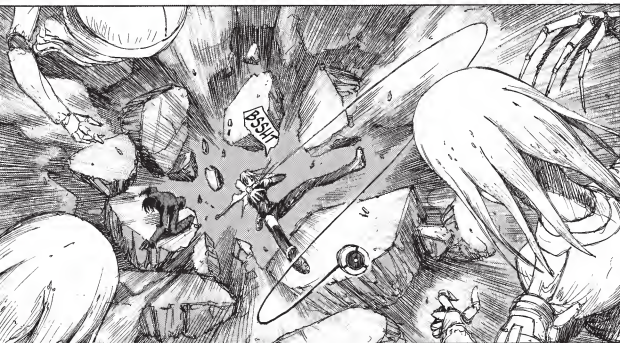
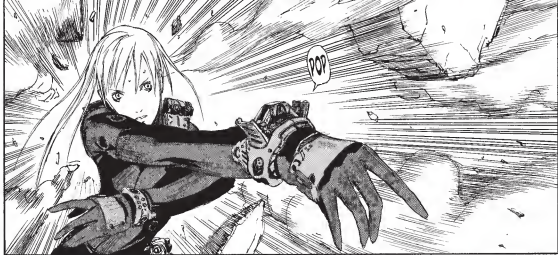


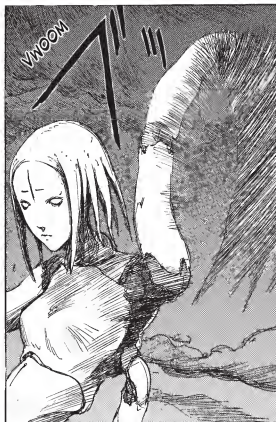
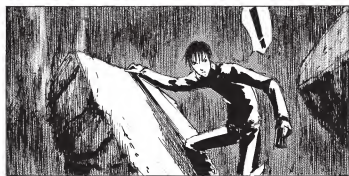


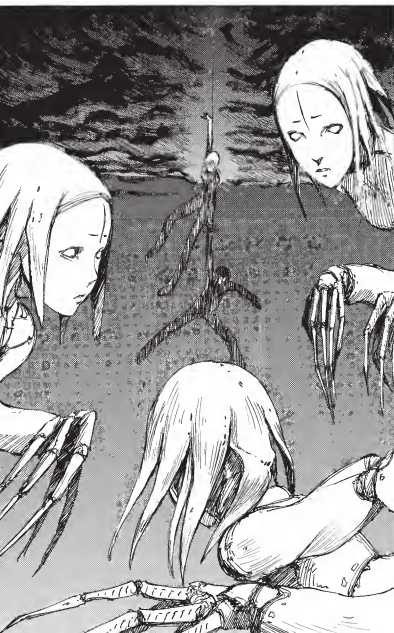


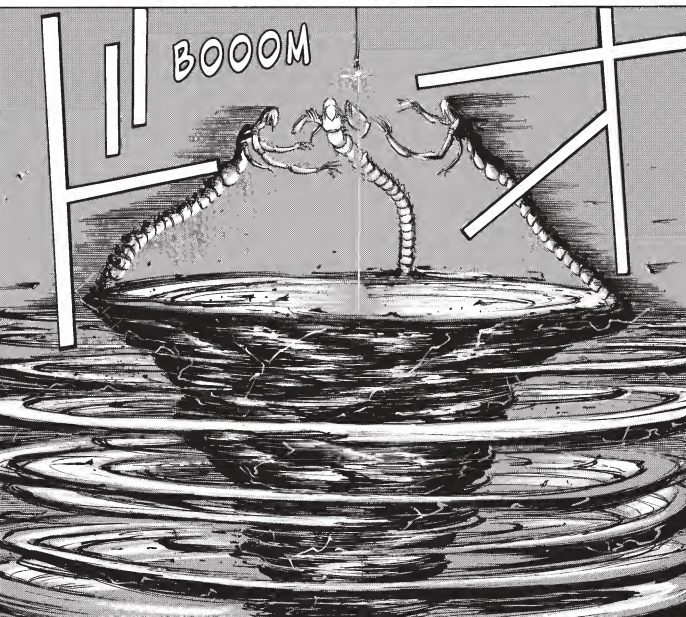


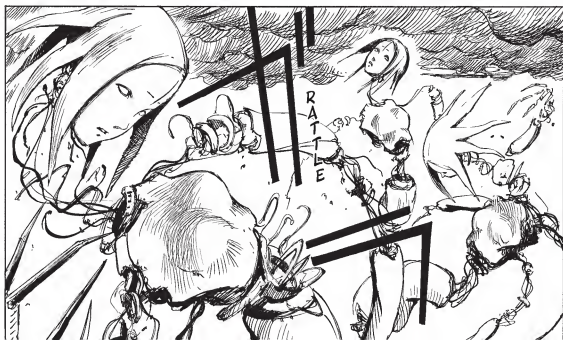




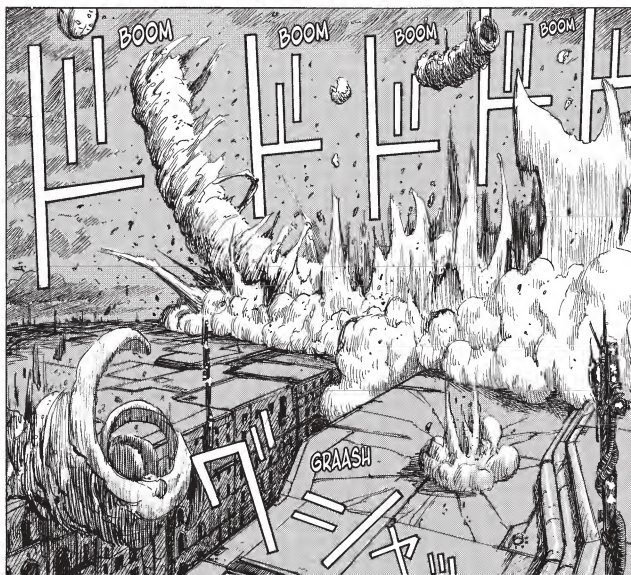
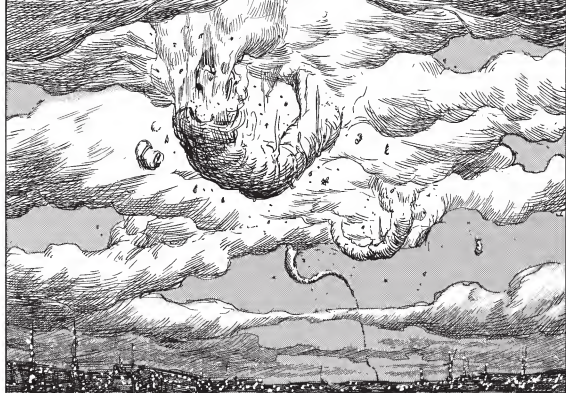


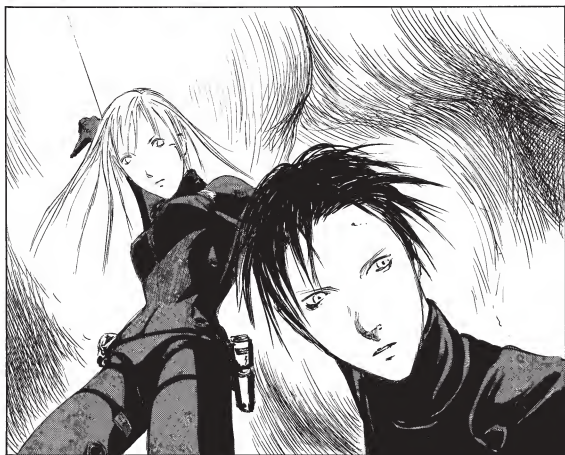




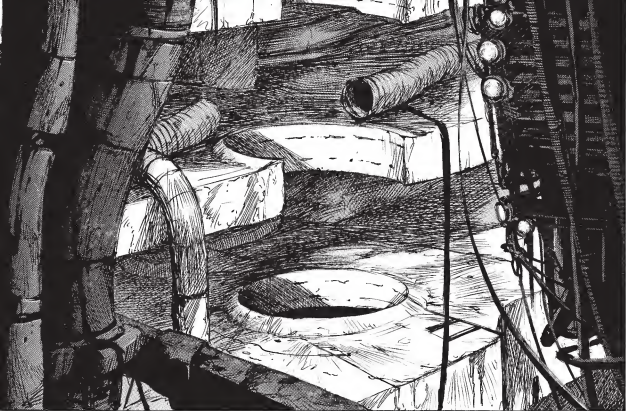


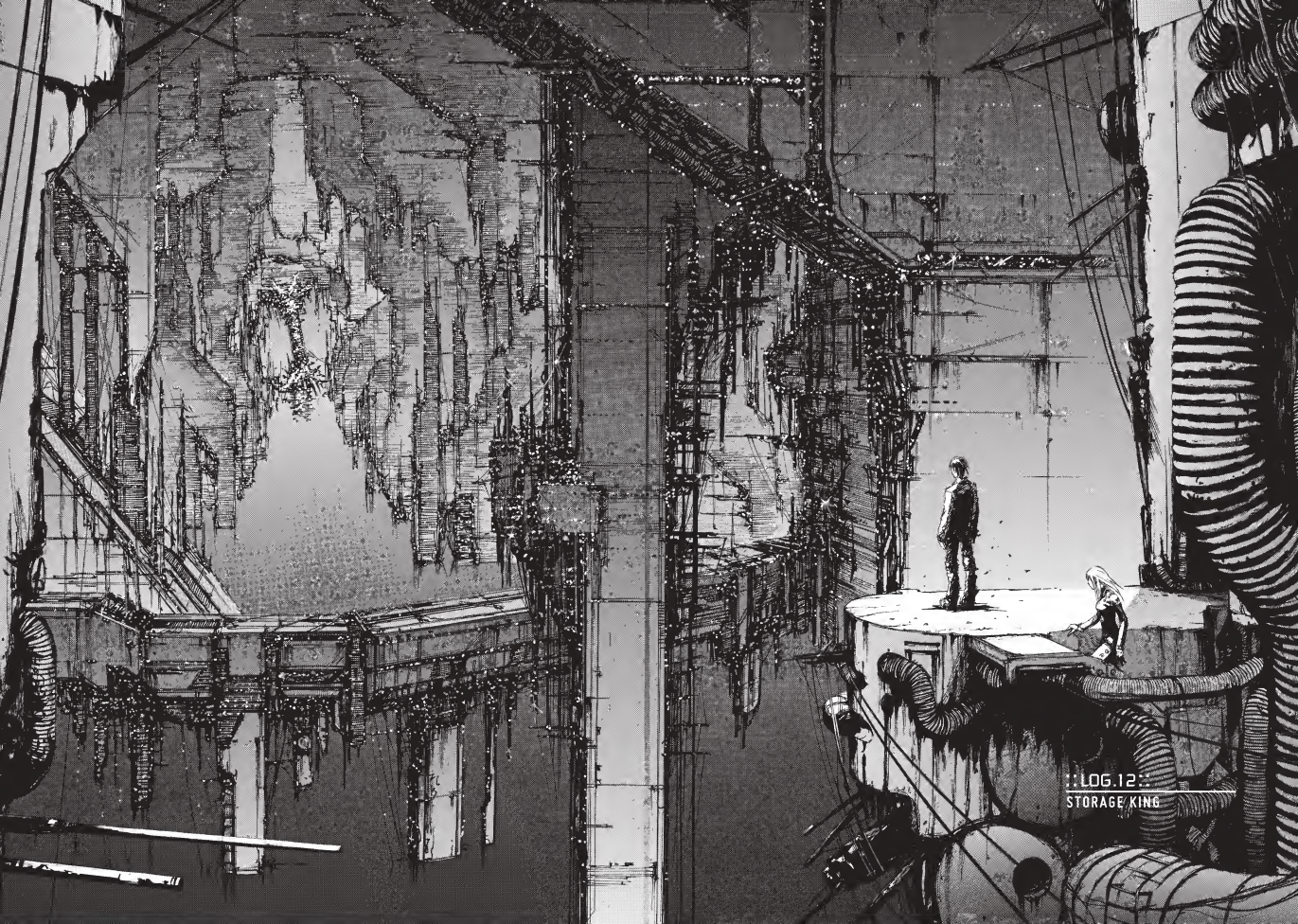




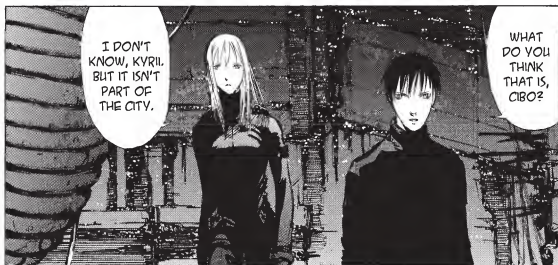






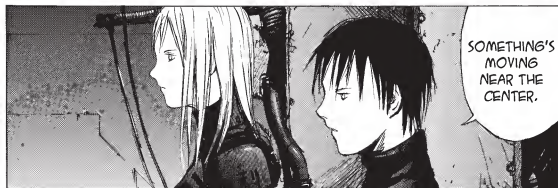
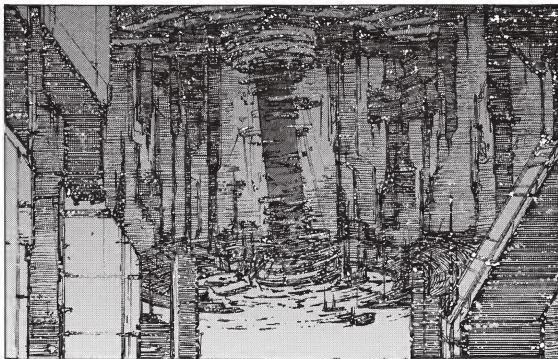


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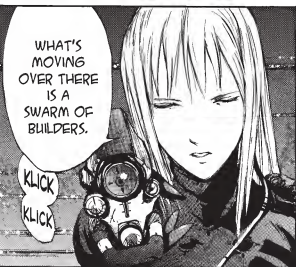
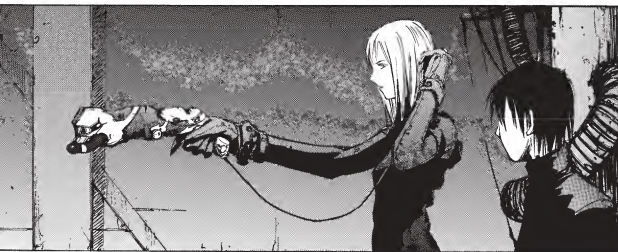
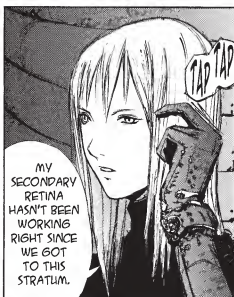
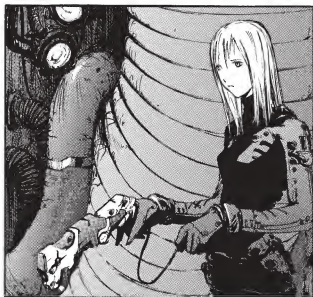


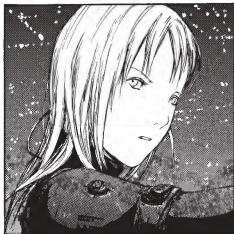
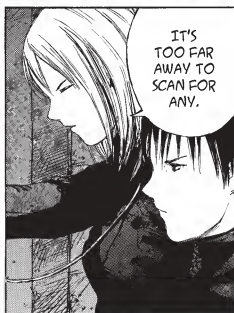
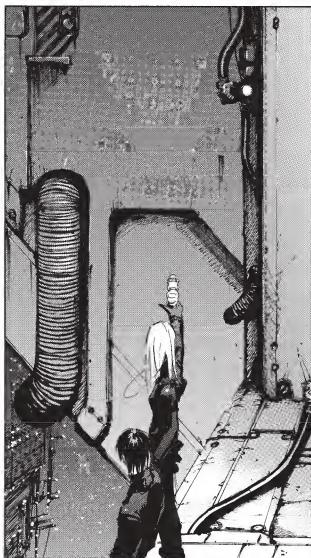
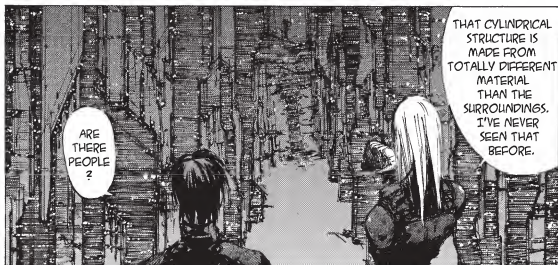
I DON'T
KNOW, KYRII.
BUT IT ISN'T
PART OF
THE CITY.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
THAT IS,
CIBO?



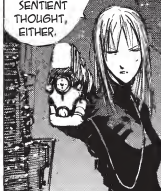
SOMETHING'S
MOVING
NEAR THE
CENTER.



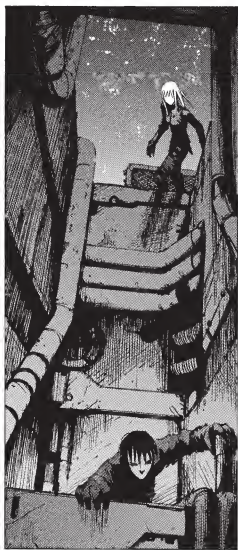


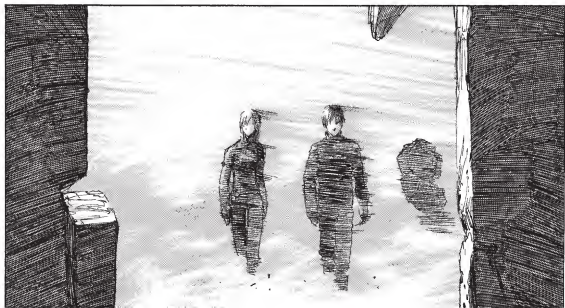
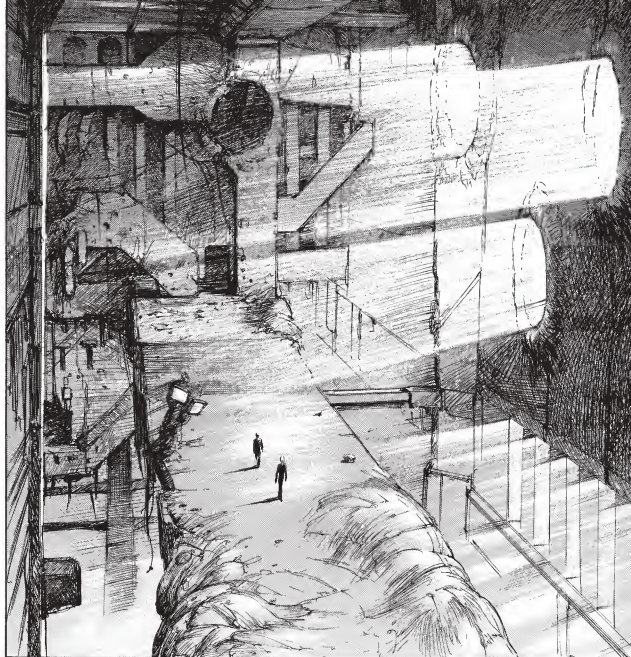


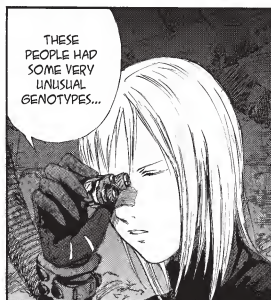
THEY SEEM
TO BE HUMAN,
BUT THEY'RE
NOT MOVING...
THERE'S NO
TRACE OF
SENTIENT
THOUGHT,
EITHER.

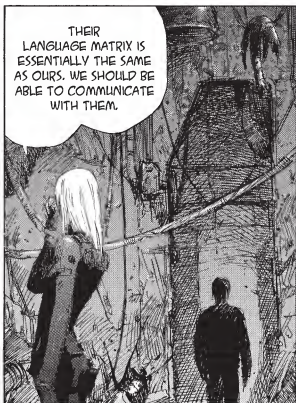
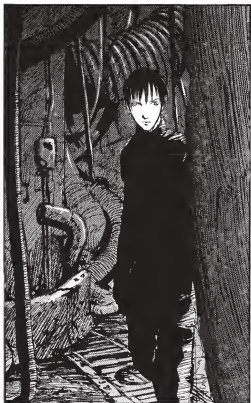
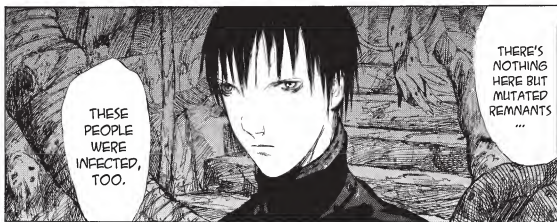


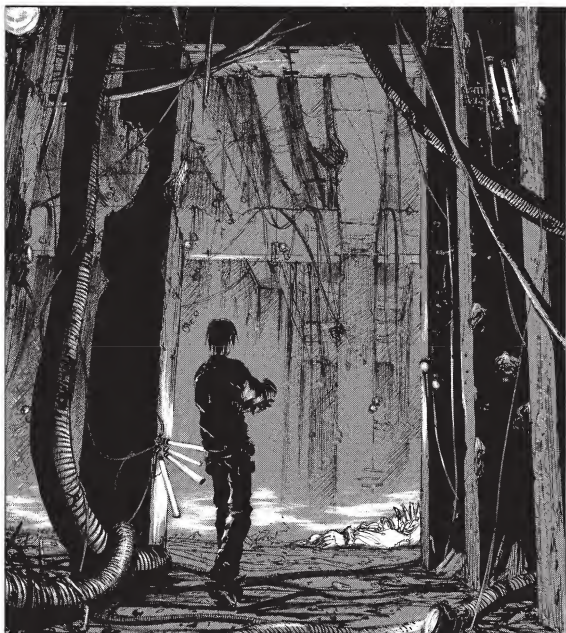
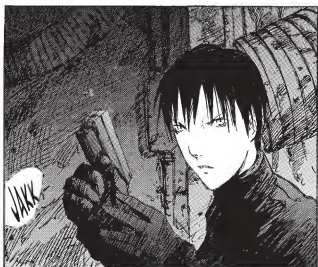
FROM THIS
DIRECTION, I
CAN MAKE OUT
THE SHAPES OF
ORGANISMS...
TOO MANY
TO COUNT.

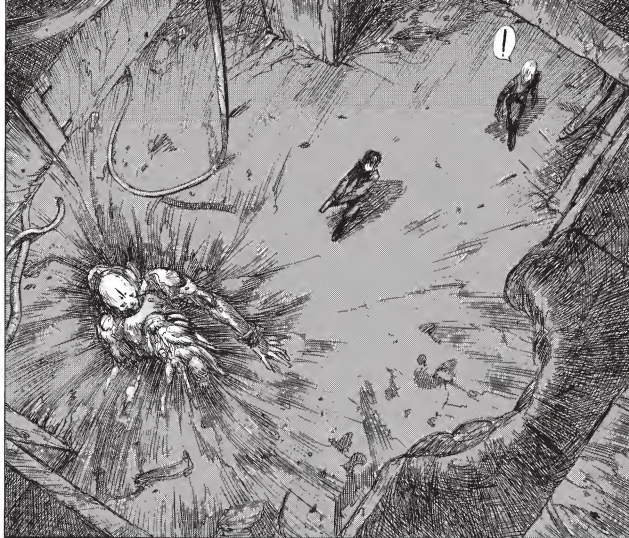


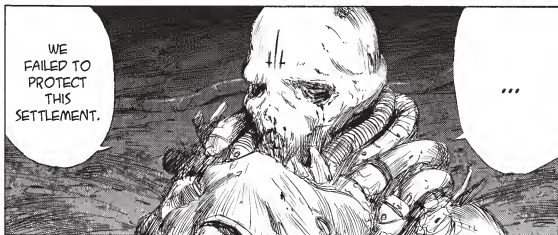
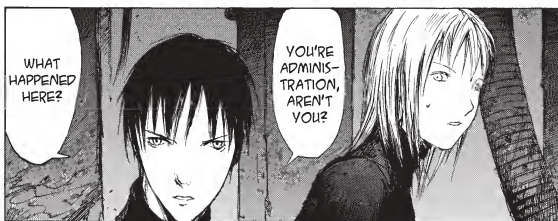
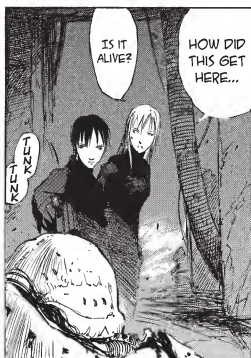




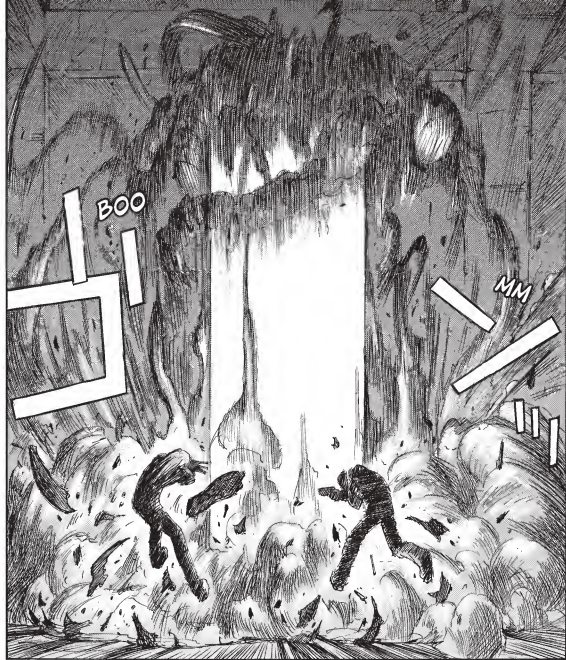


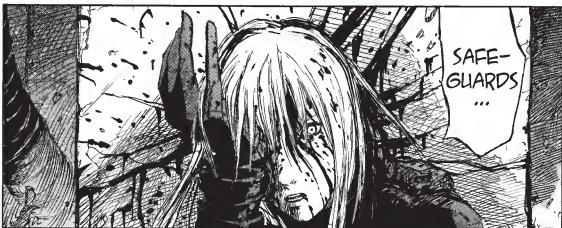
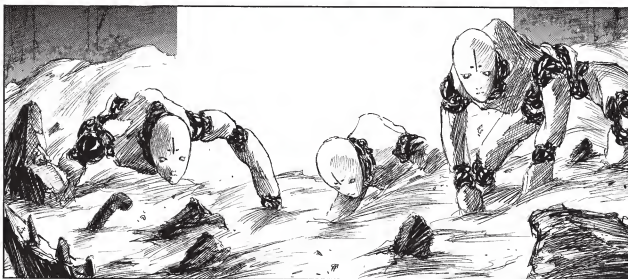
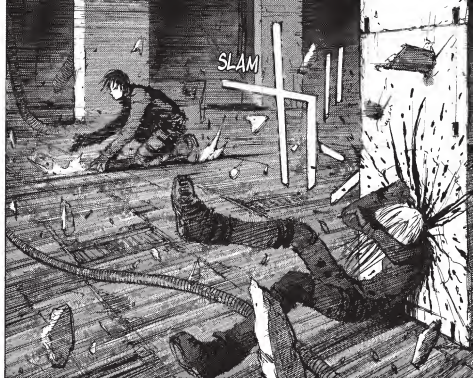


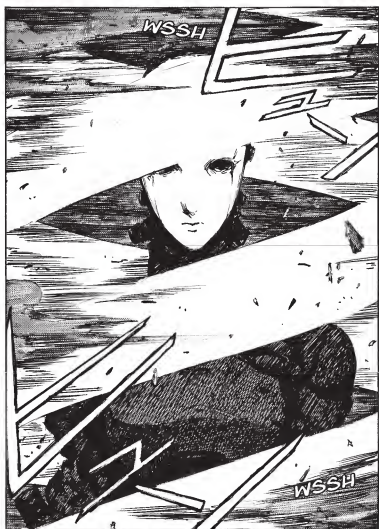


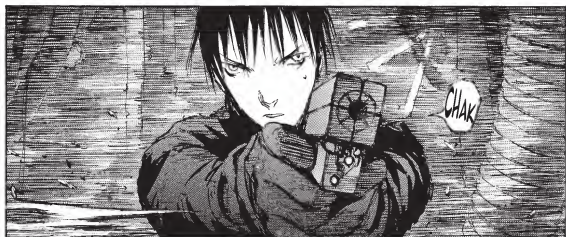


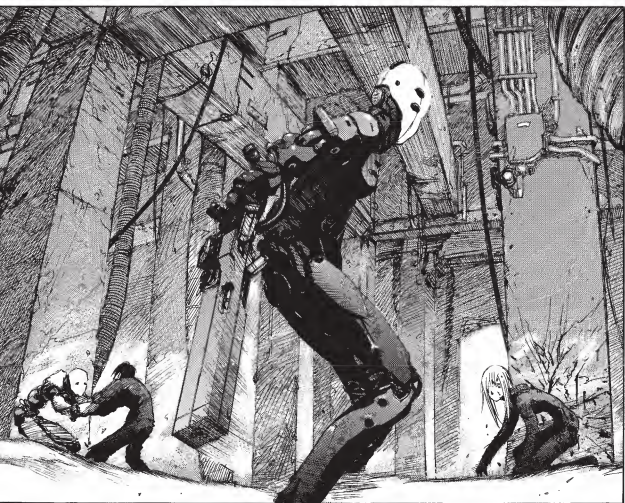
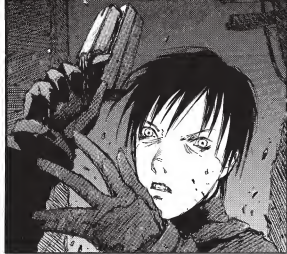
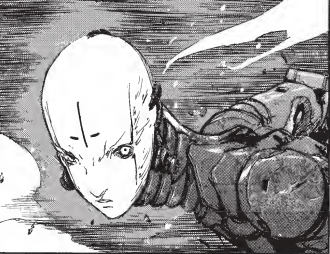


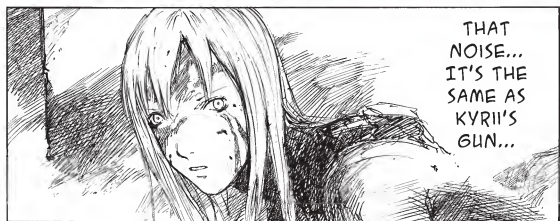
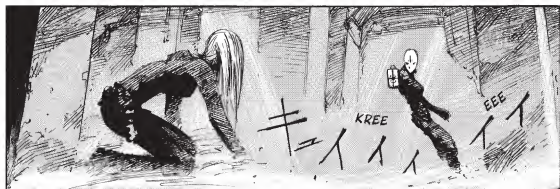
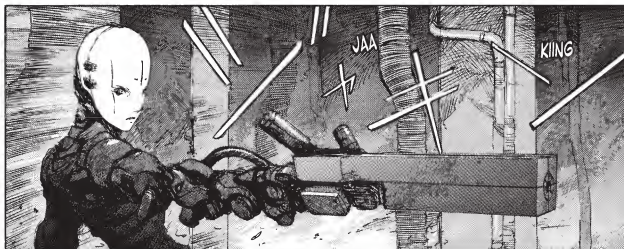


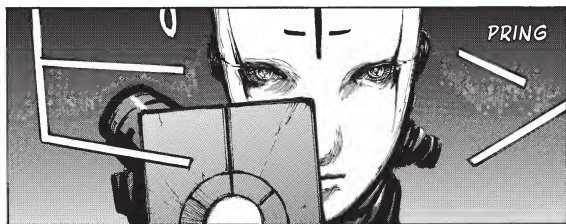


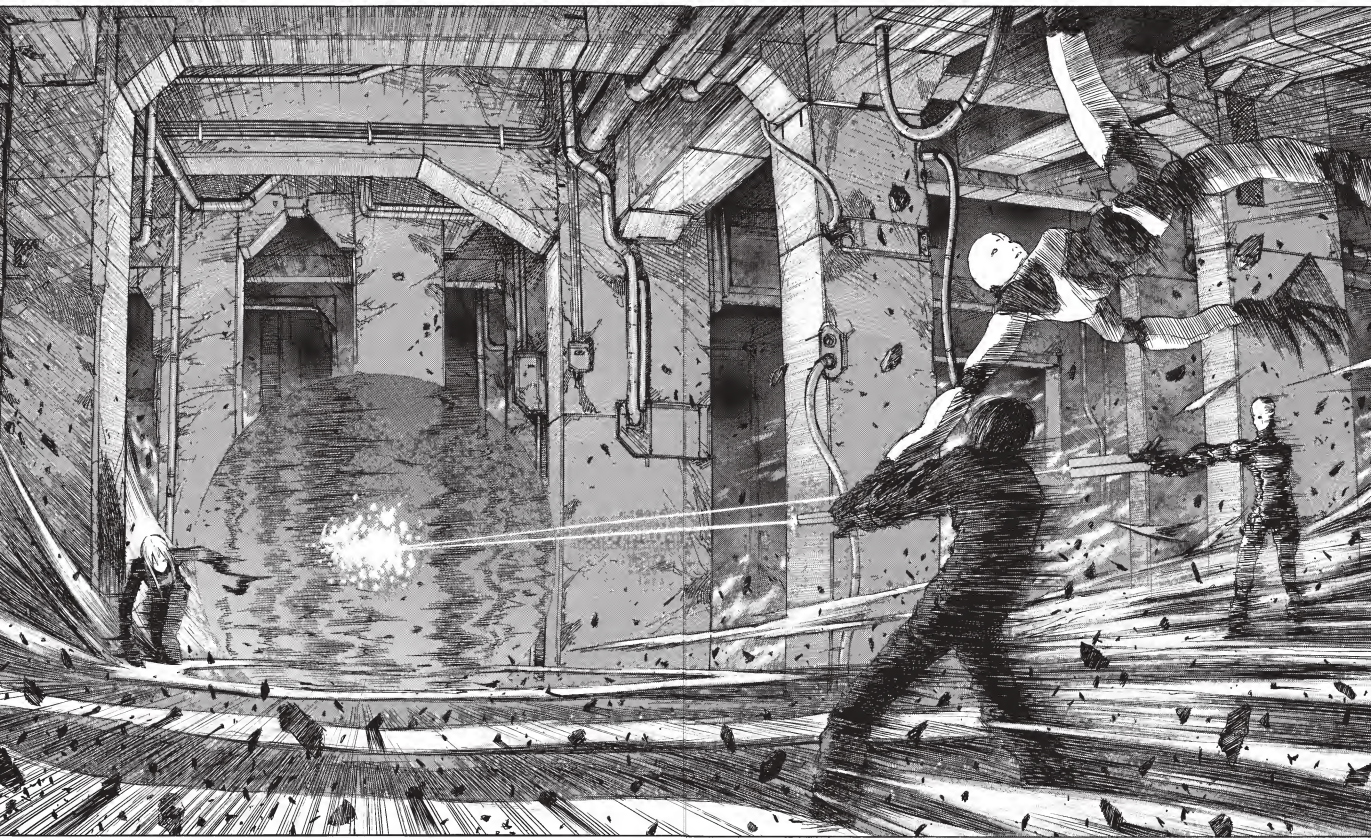


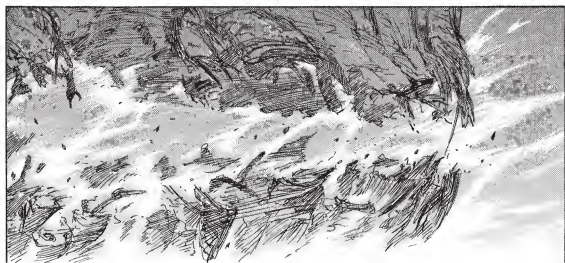
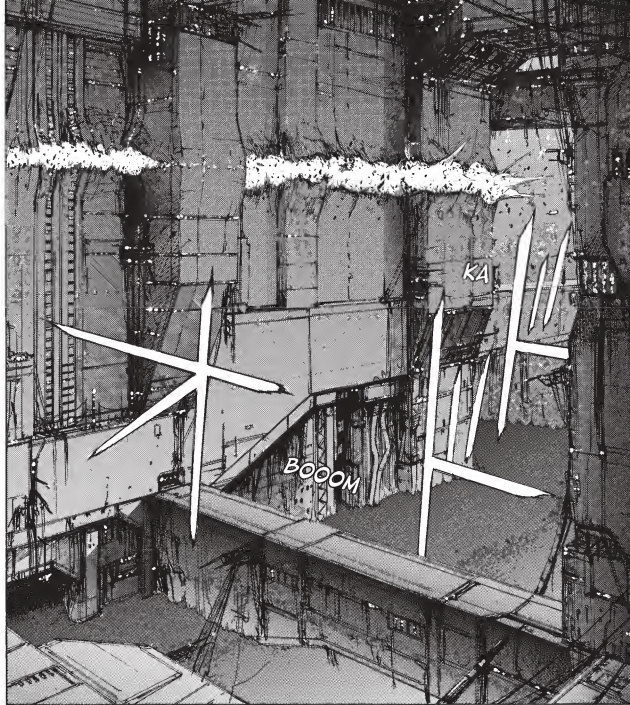


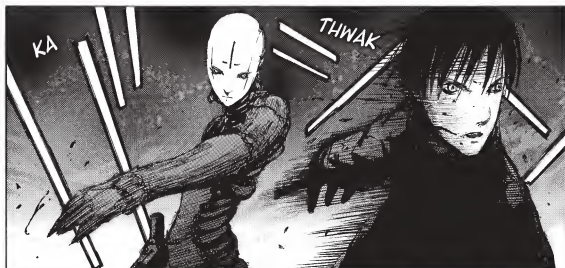




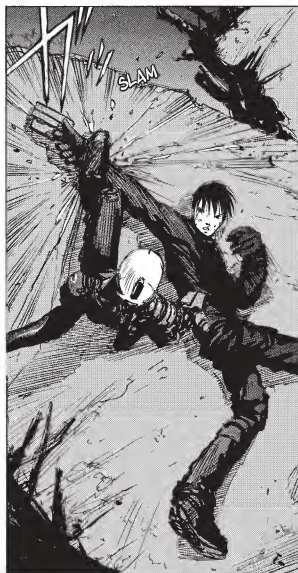


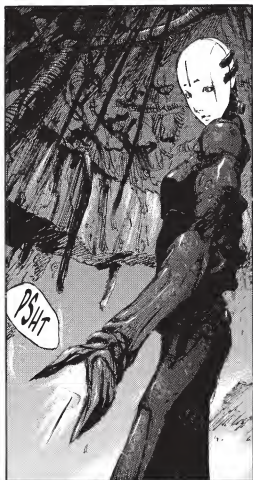


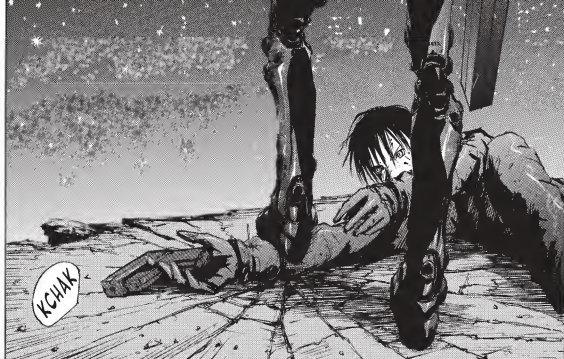


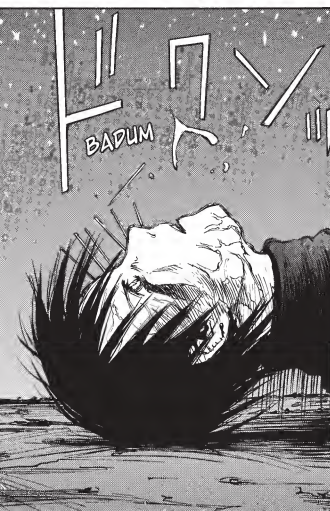
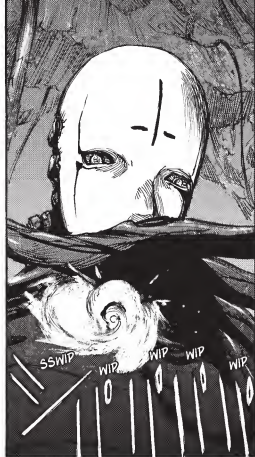


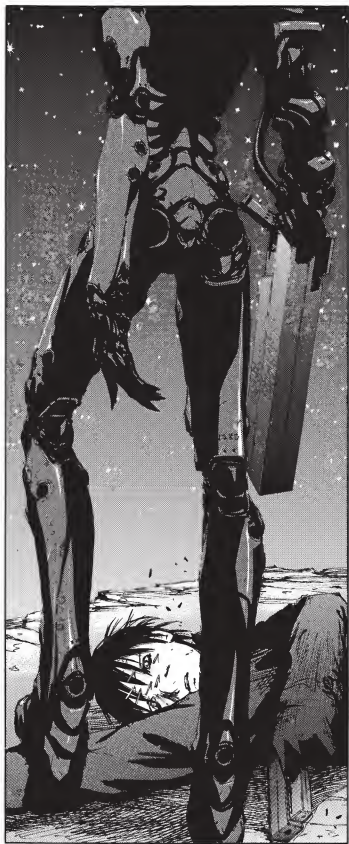


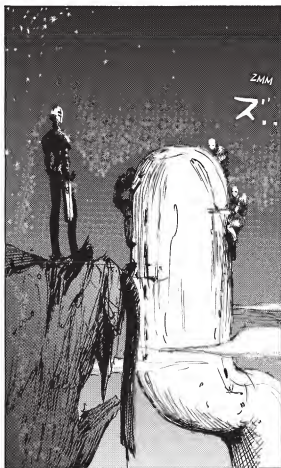
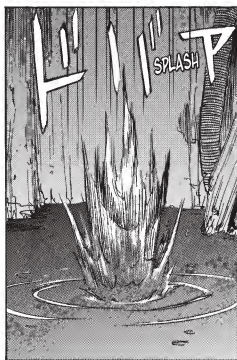


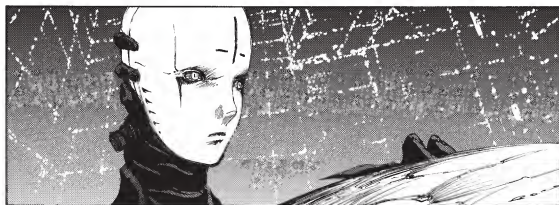
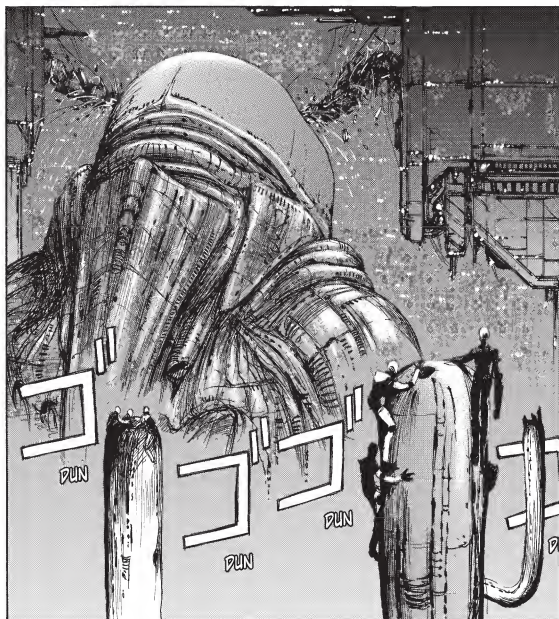


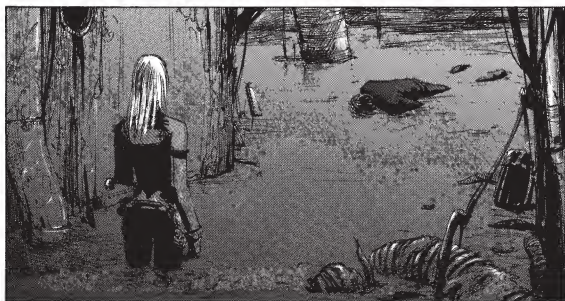


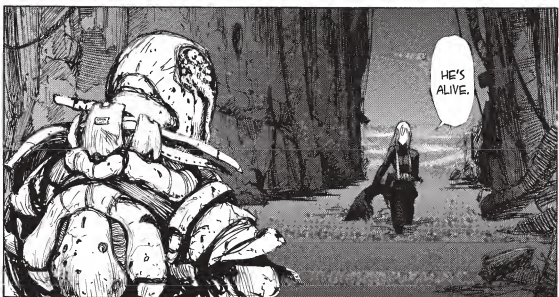
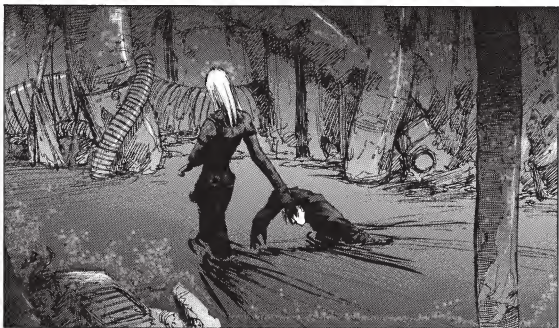
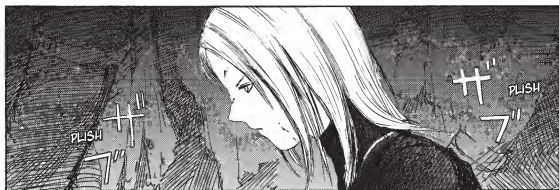


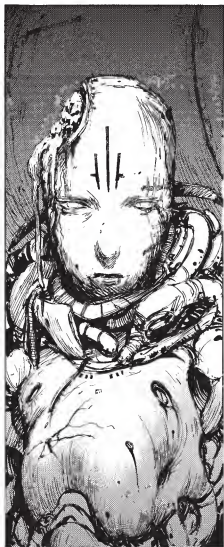
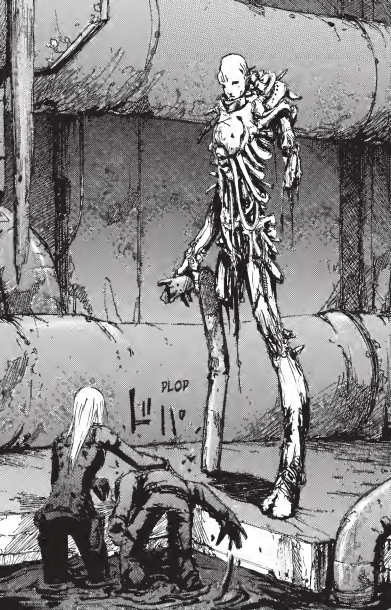


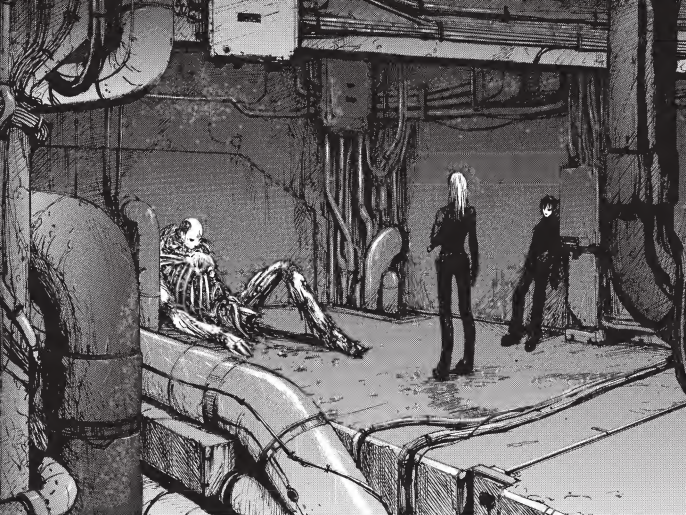












WHAT
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IS THIS?

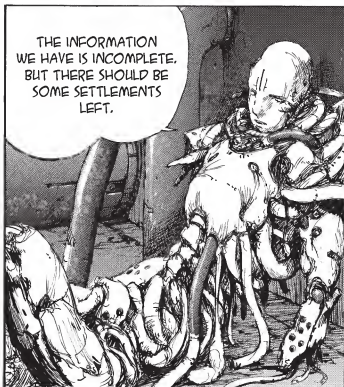


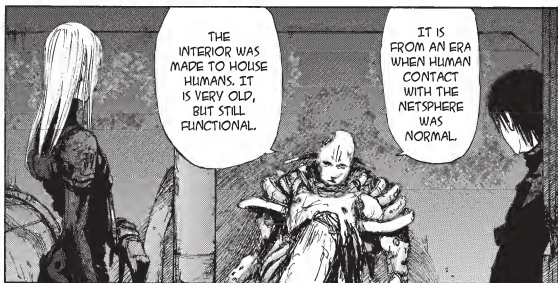
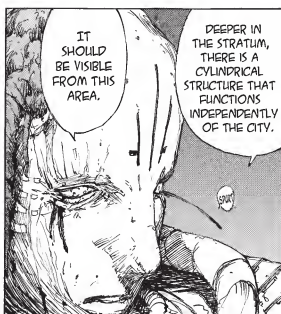
HE
SHOULD
HAVE DIED
INSTANTLY
...

THEY LIKELY
INJECTED
HIM WITH
NANOBODIES.



IS THERE
ANYTHING
HURT BESIDES
YOUR RIGHT
ARM?







BESIDES, IF
THEY DID HAVE
FUNCTIONAL
TERMINAL GENES,
THEY WOULD
ALREADY BE
CONNECTED TO
THE NETSPHERE
THEMSELVES.

YOU DON'T
KNOW...
SO IS THERE
A WAY TO
FIND OUT?

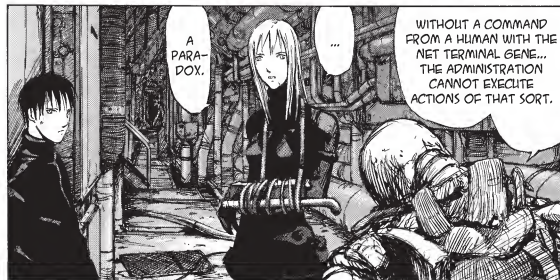


YES.

BUT WE DO
NOT KNOW
WHETHER THE
NET TERMINAL
GENES THEY
HAD ARE STILL
INTACT.



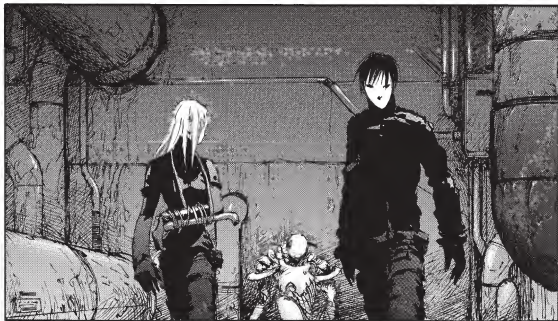
HAVE YOU
EVER BEEN
INSIDE THE
STRUCTURE?



A
PARA-
DOX.

...

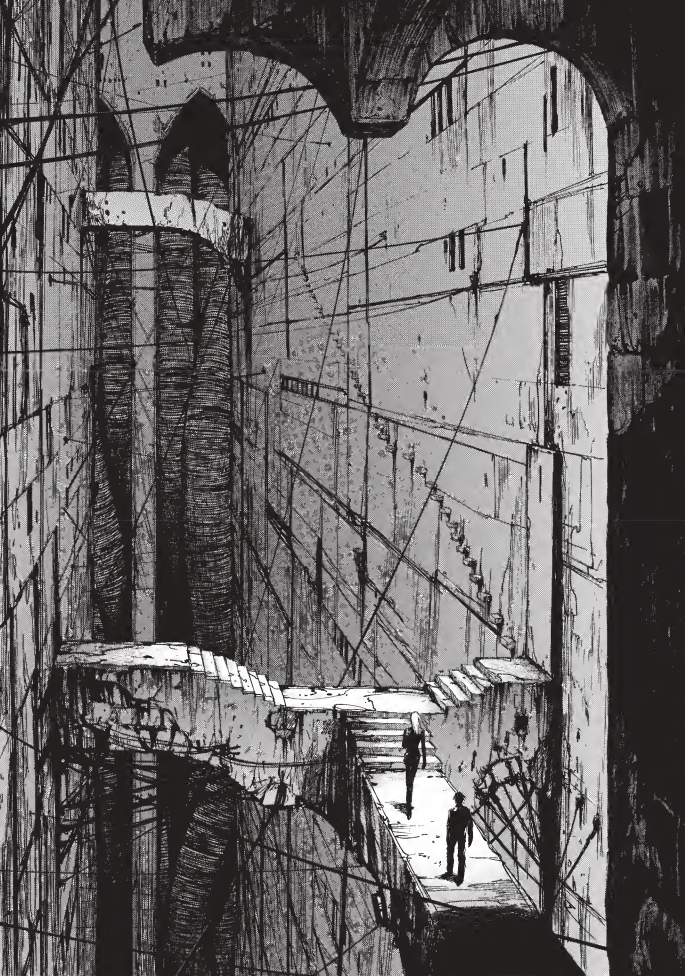
WITHOUT A COMMAND
FROM A HUMAN WITH THE
NET TERMINAL GENE...
THE ADMINISTRATION
CANNOT EXECUTE
ACTIONS OF THAT SORT.

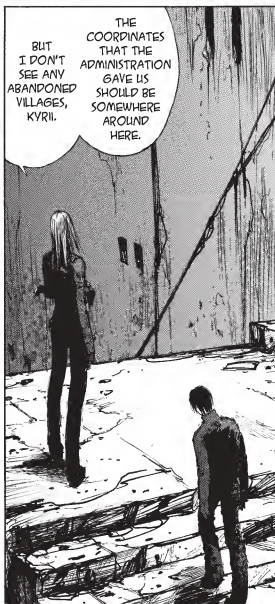


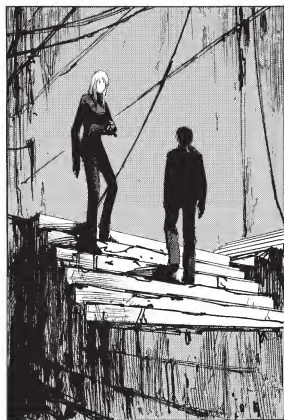


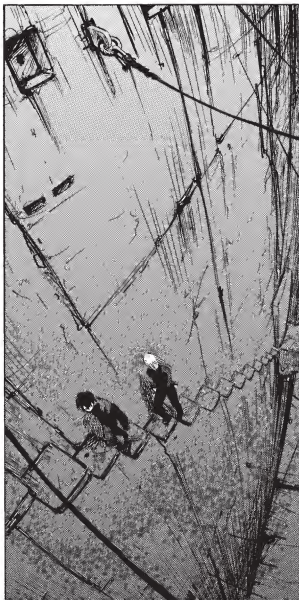
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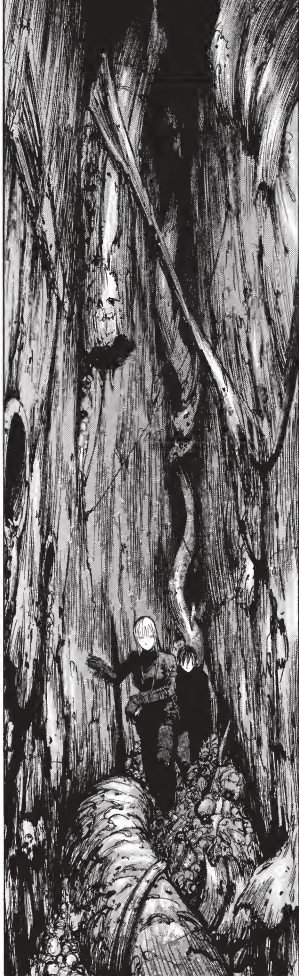
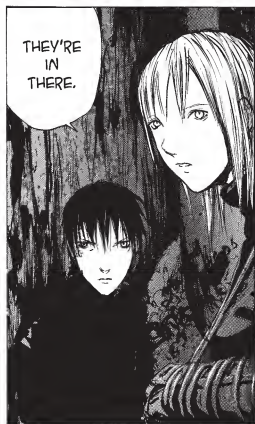
ELECTRO-FISHERS

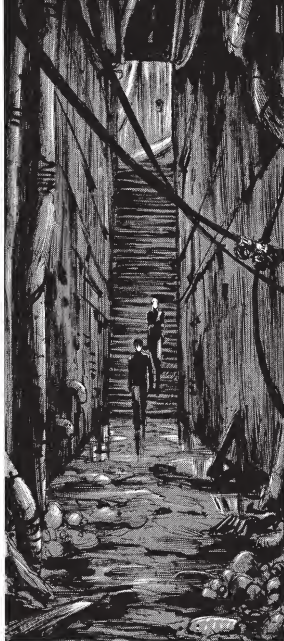
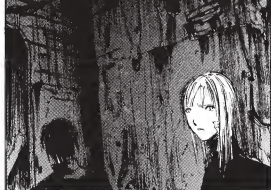


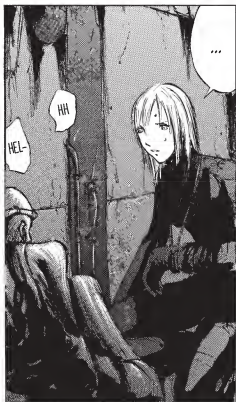


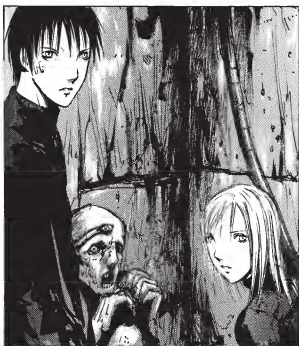
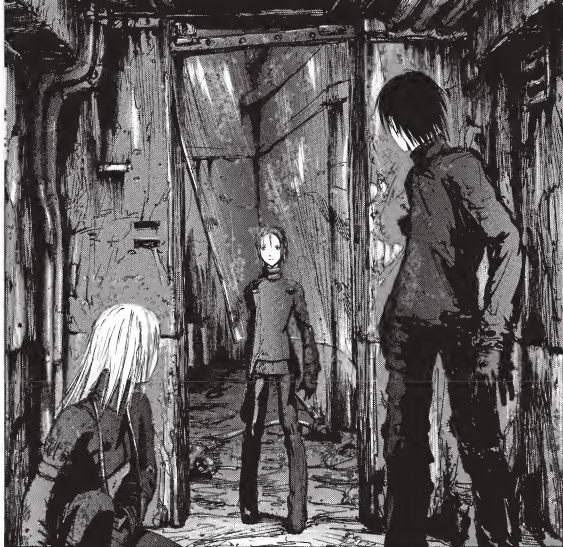


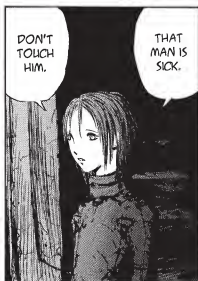


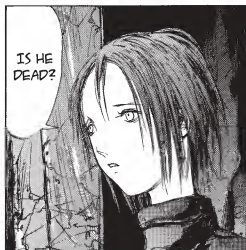
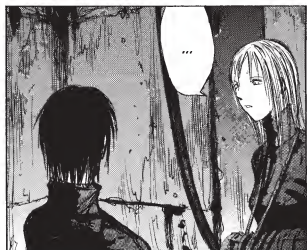


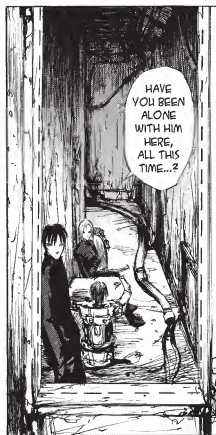
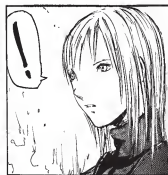
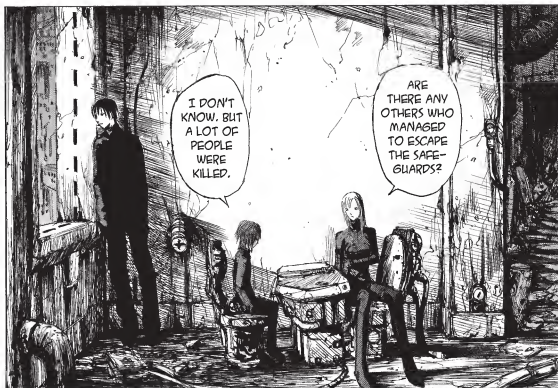


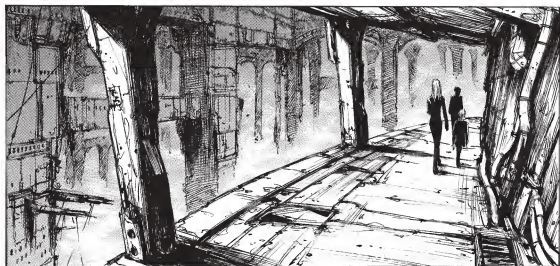
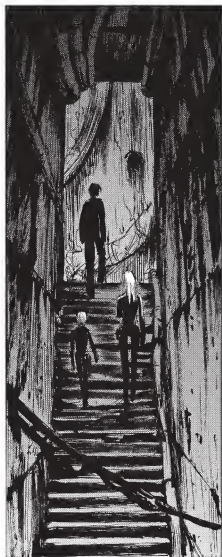


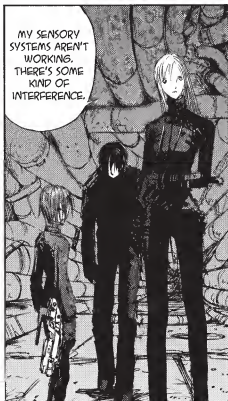
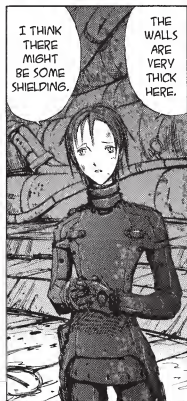
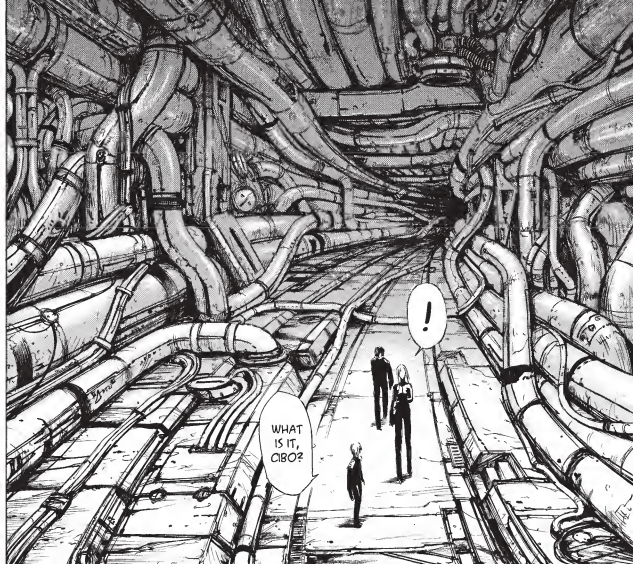


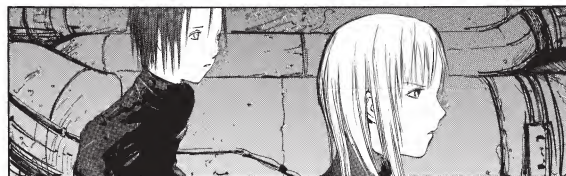
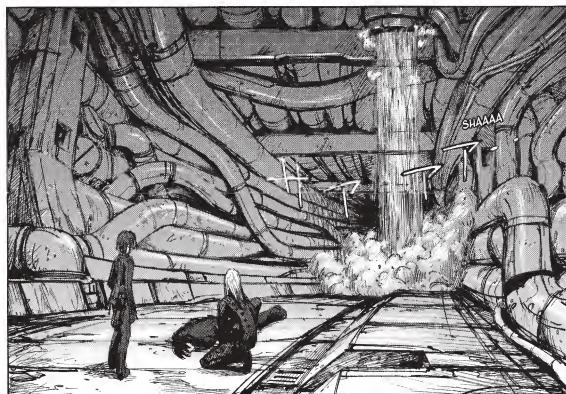
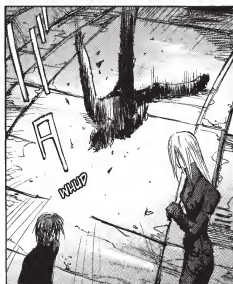


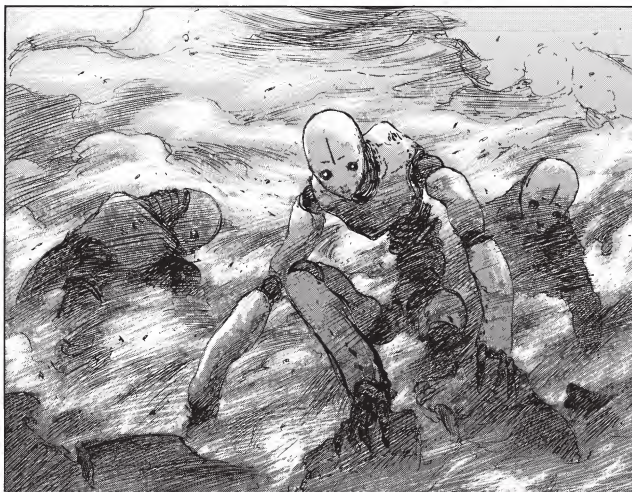
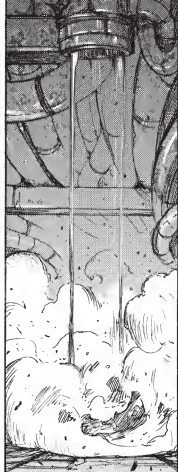


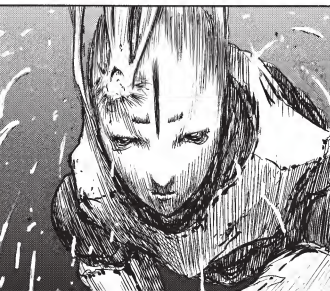
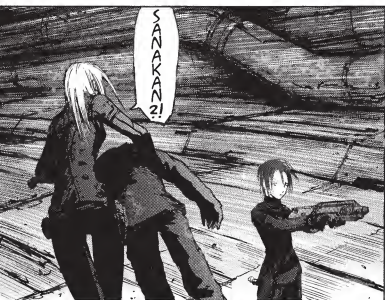




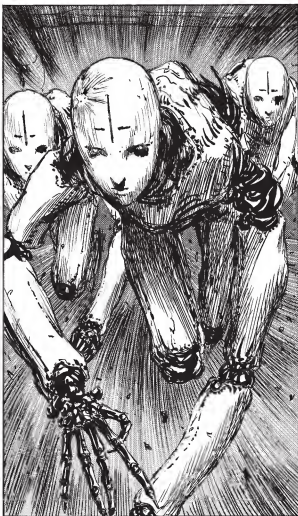


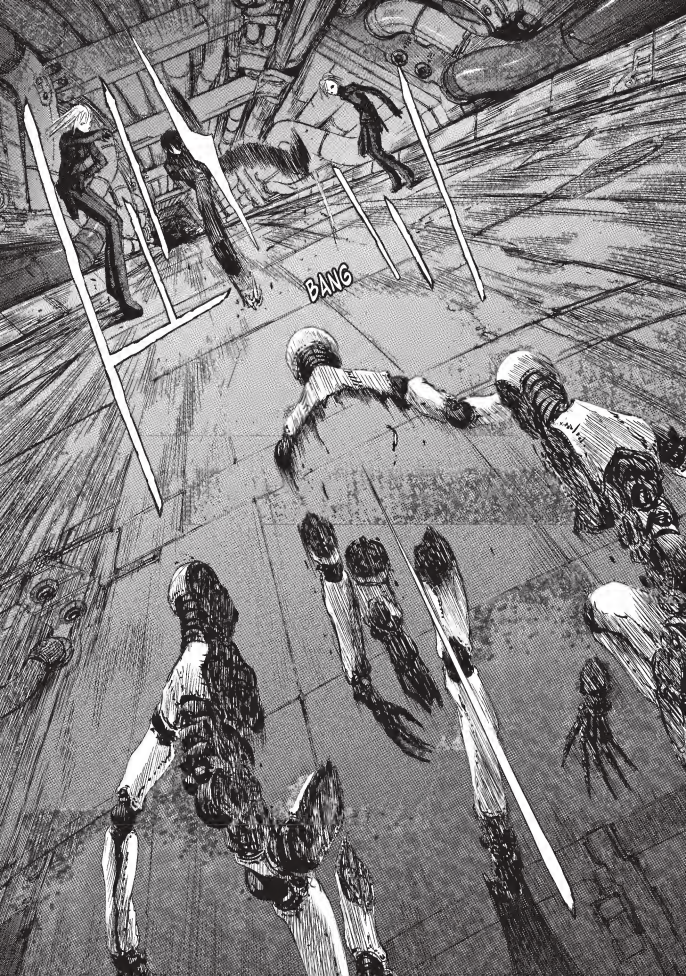


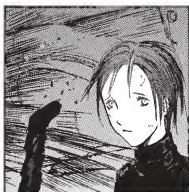
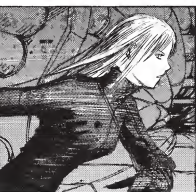




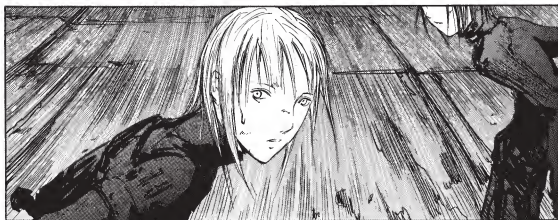
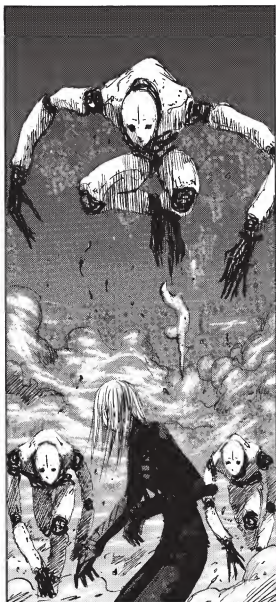


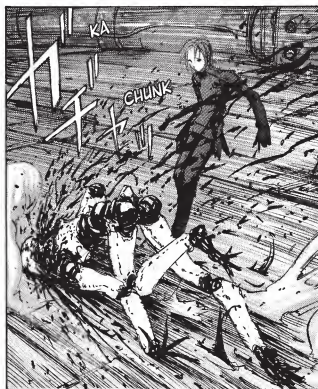
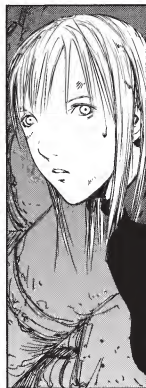
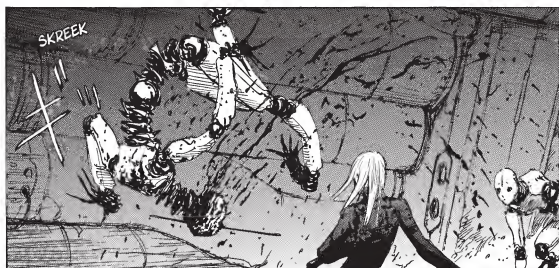
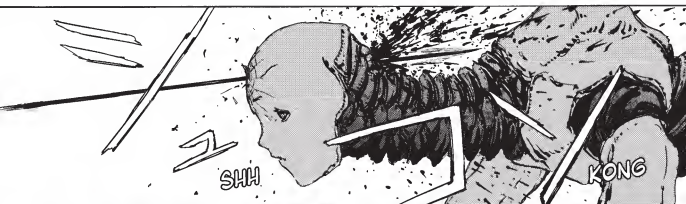


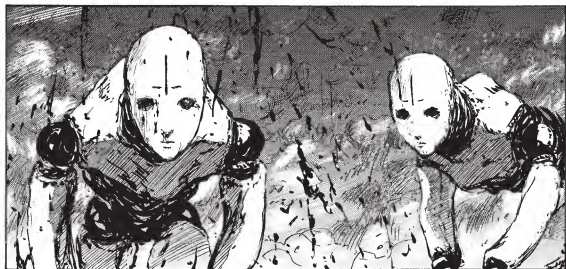


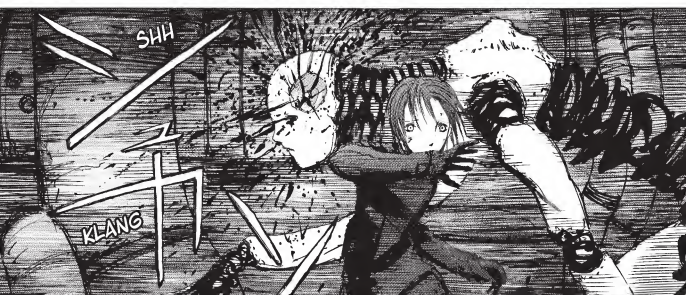
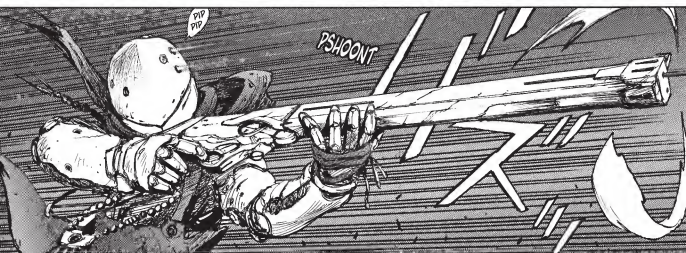
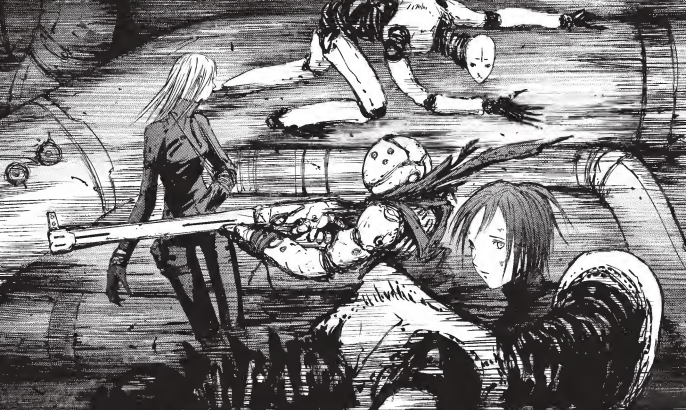


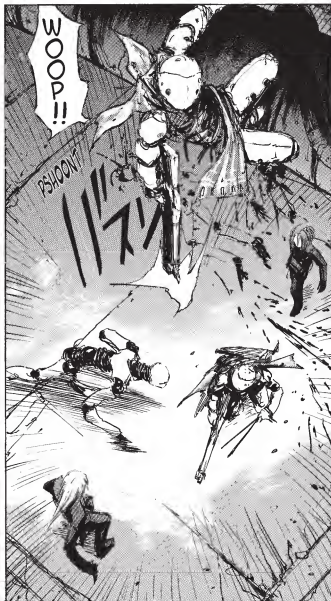
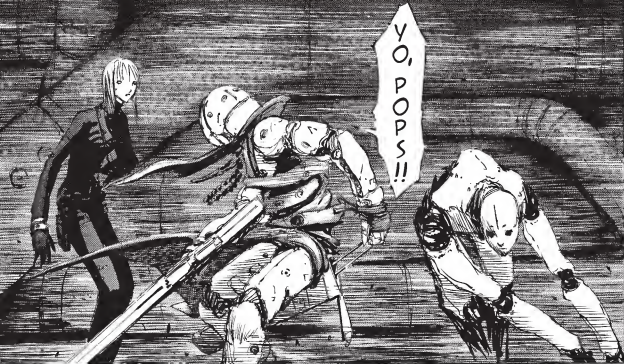


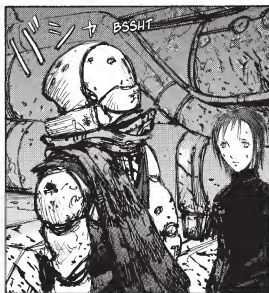
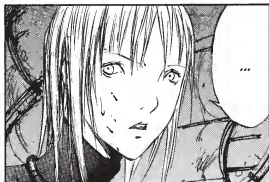
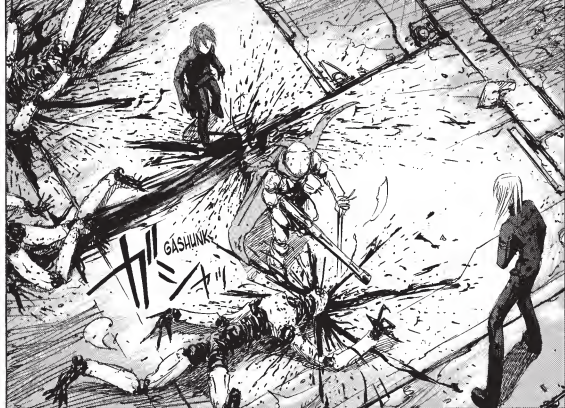


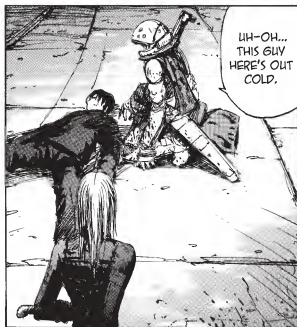
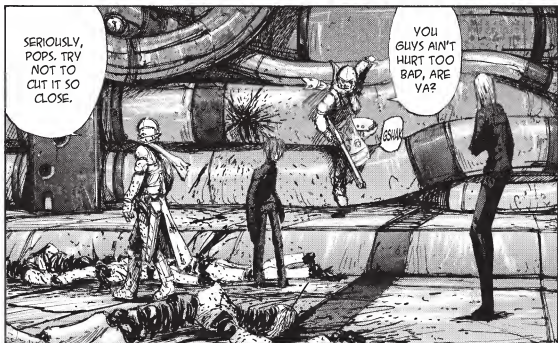


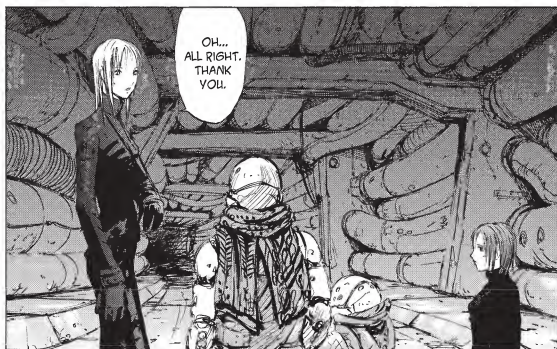
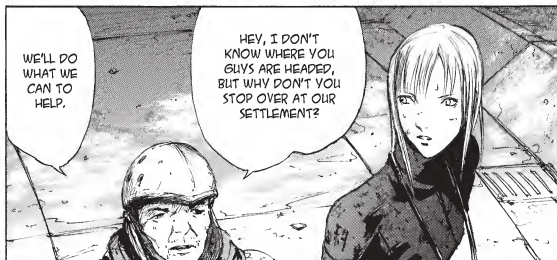
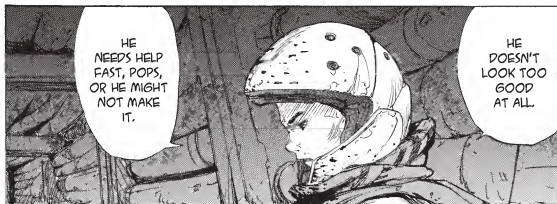


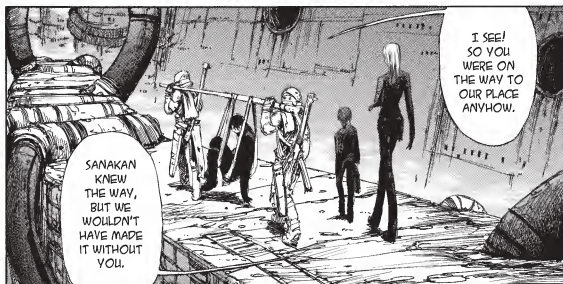
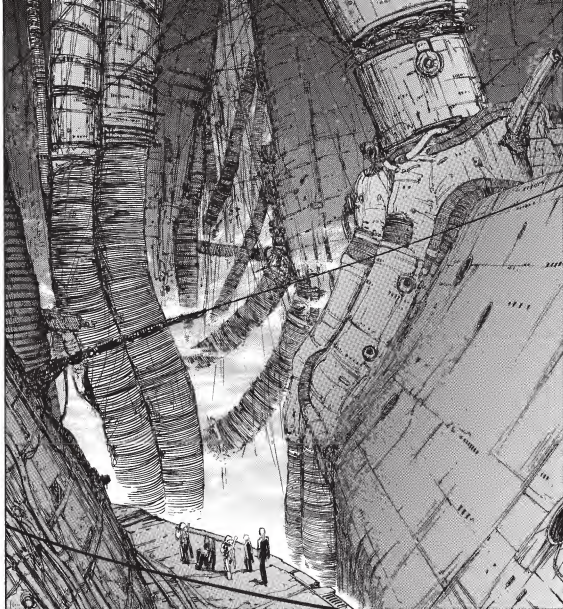


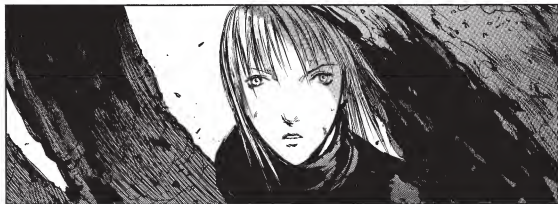
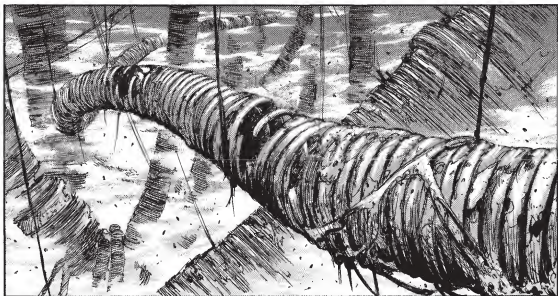


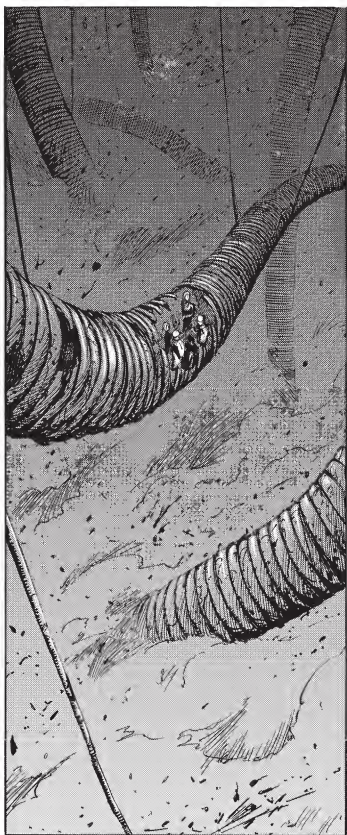








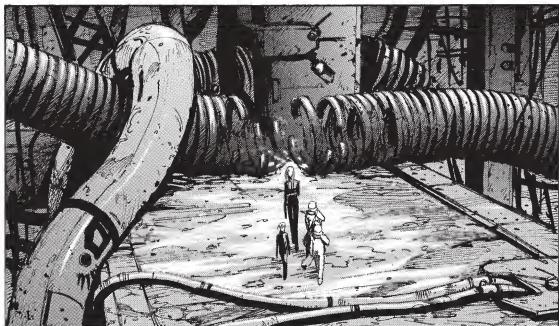


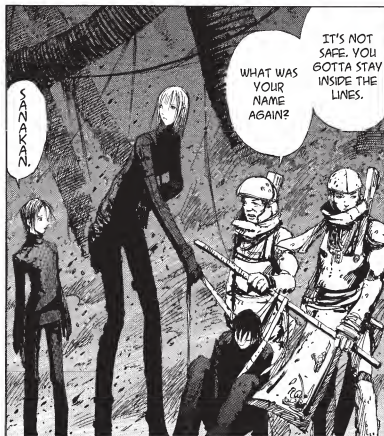
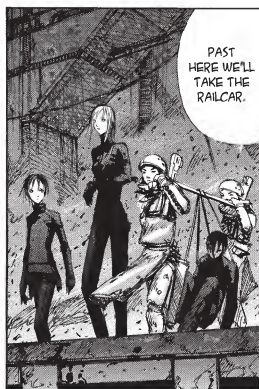
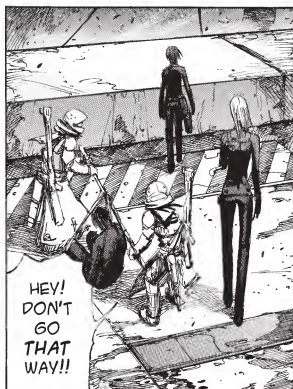


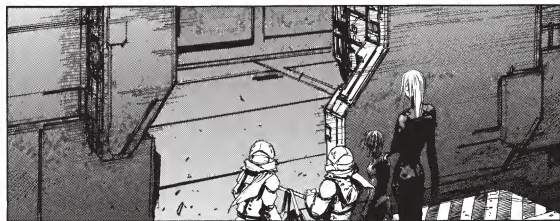
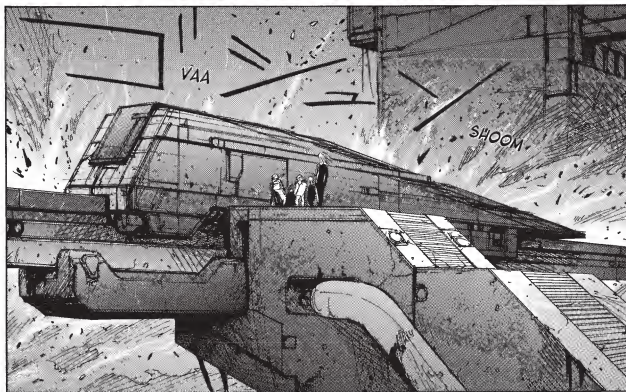
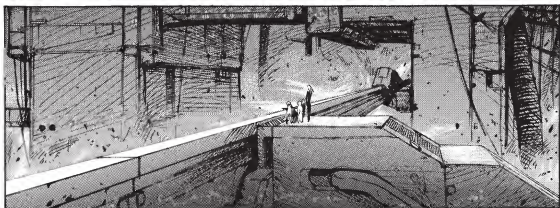


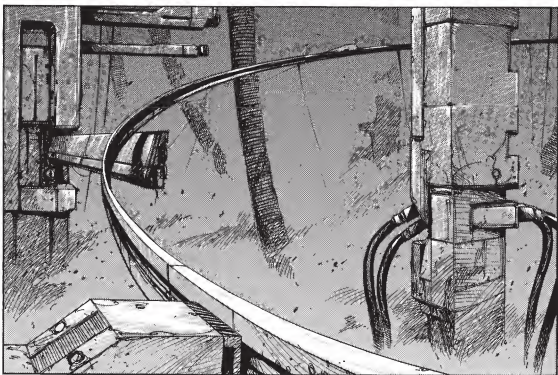
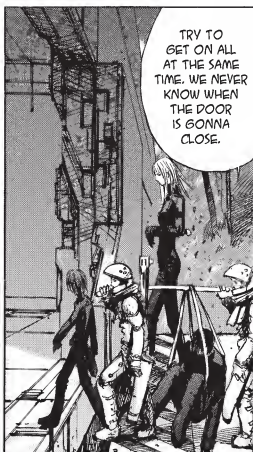
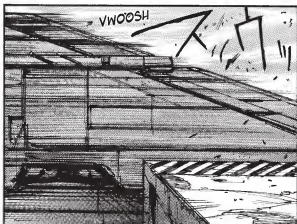
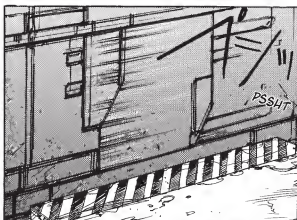
MISS CIBO, WE'LL KEEP TALKIN'
WHEN WE'RE SETTLED IN.
RIGHT NOW LET'S JUST
GET THROUGH THIS TUBE.
WE'RE AN EASY TARGET
FOR SAFEGUARDS OUT HERE.

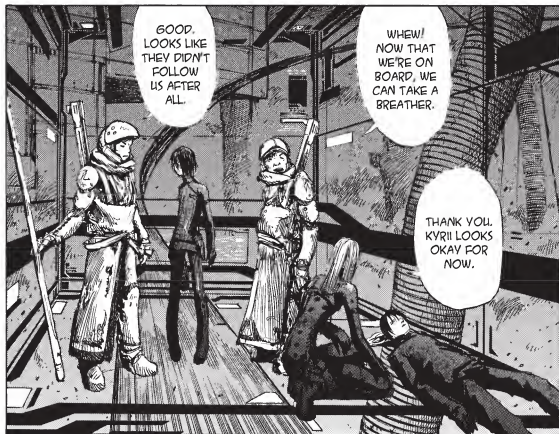








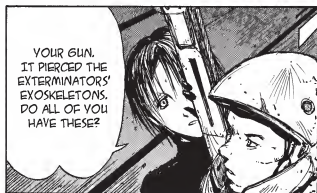




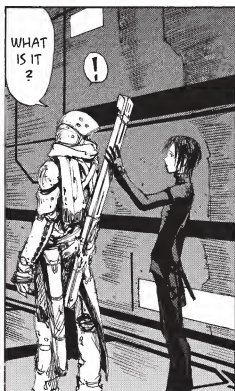
GOOD.
LOOKS LIKE
THEY DIDN'T
FOLLOW
US AFTER
ALL.

WHEW!
NOW THAT
WE'RE ON
BOARD, WE
CAN TAKE A
BREATH.

THANK YOU.
KVR11 LOOKS
OKAY FOR
NOW.



YOUR GUN.
IT PIERCED THE
EXTERMINATORS'
EXOSKELETONS.
DO ALL OF YOU
HAVE THESE?

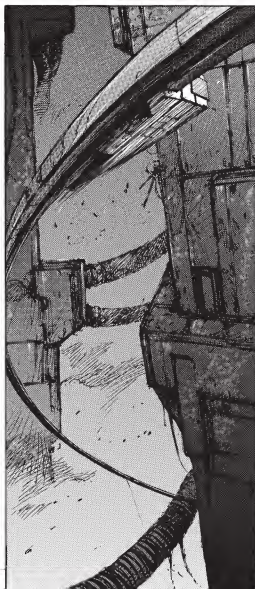
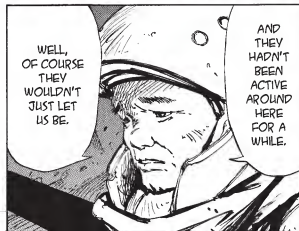
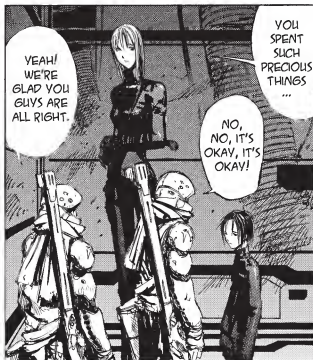
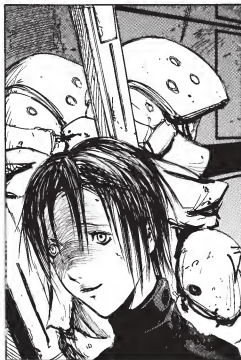


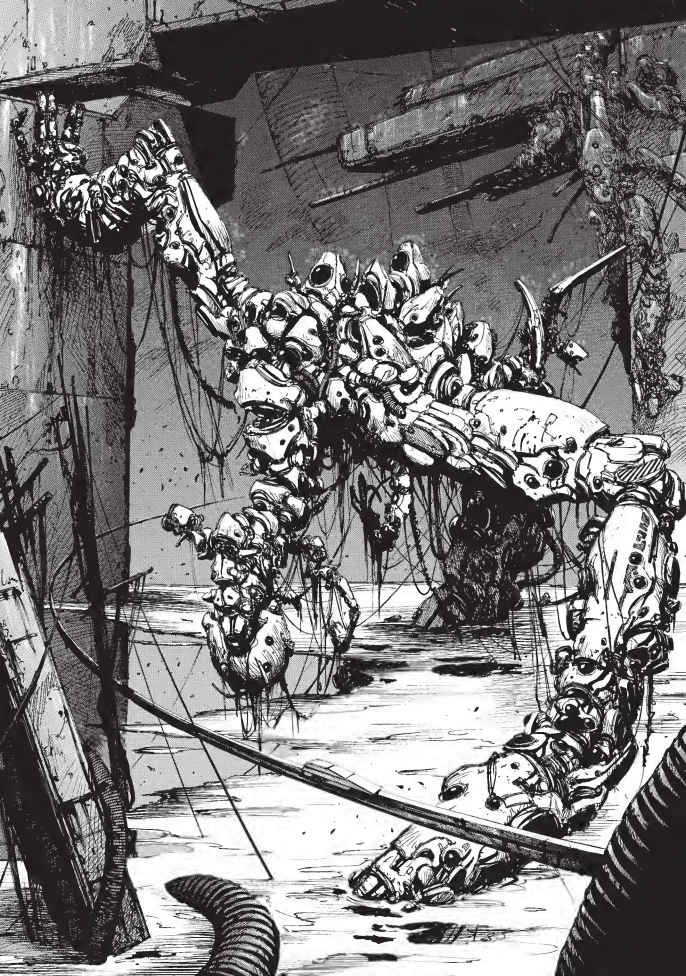
WHAT
IS IT
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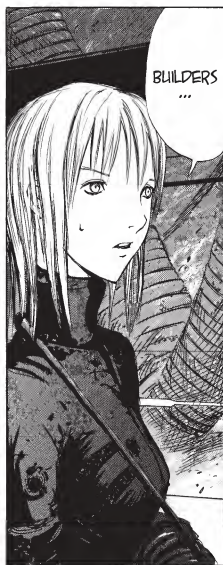
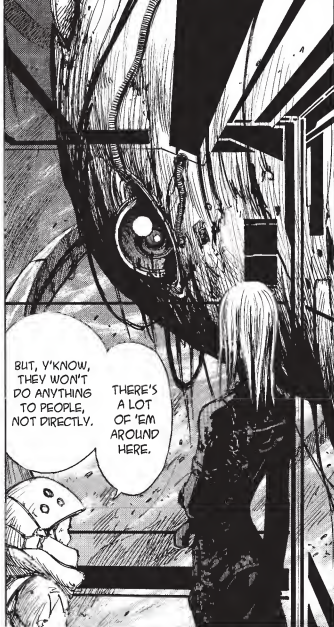


THE PEOPLE
WHO CAN
MAKE THE
GUNS AND
AMMO ARE
ALL GONE.

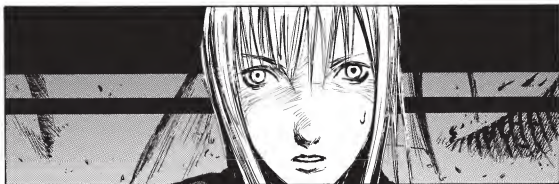
PRETTY
COOL,
HUH? BUT
WE DON'T
HAVE MANY
LEFT THAT
WORK.





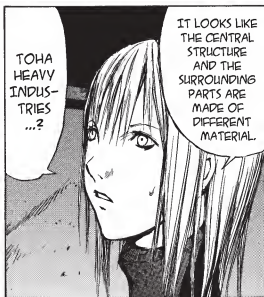






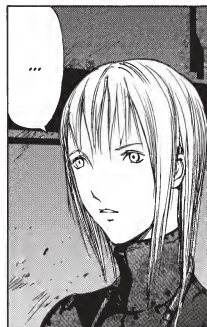
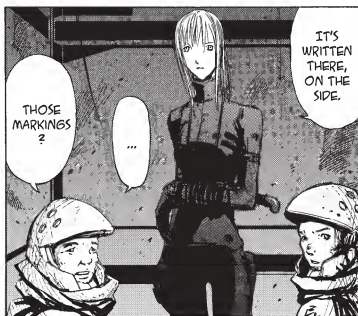
HOW'D
YOU
KNOW
THAT,
MISS
CIBOZ?

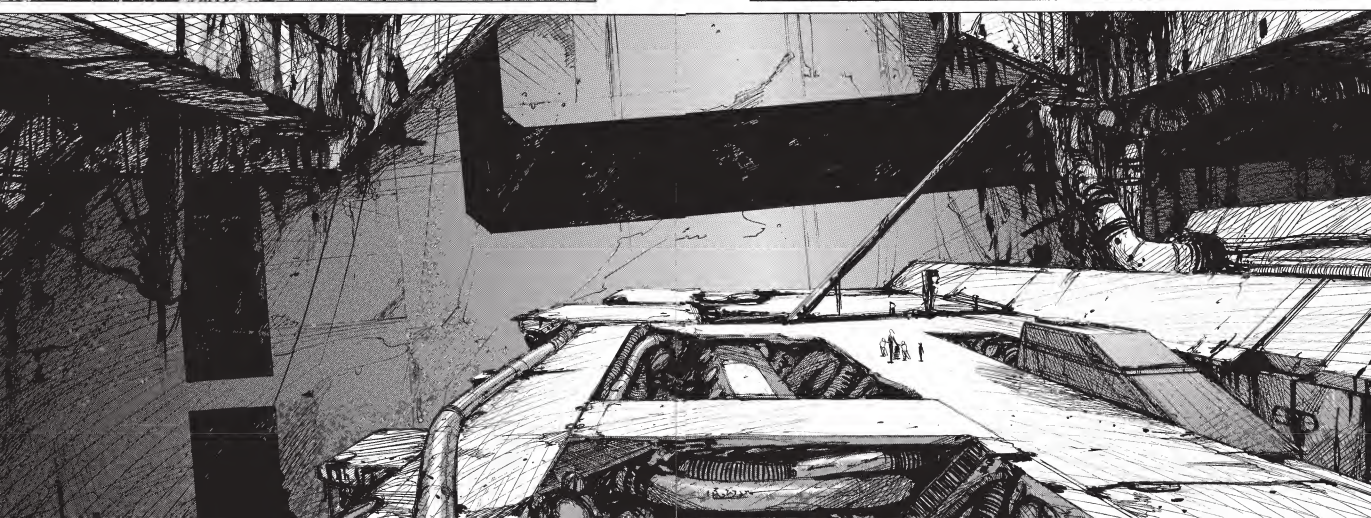
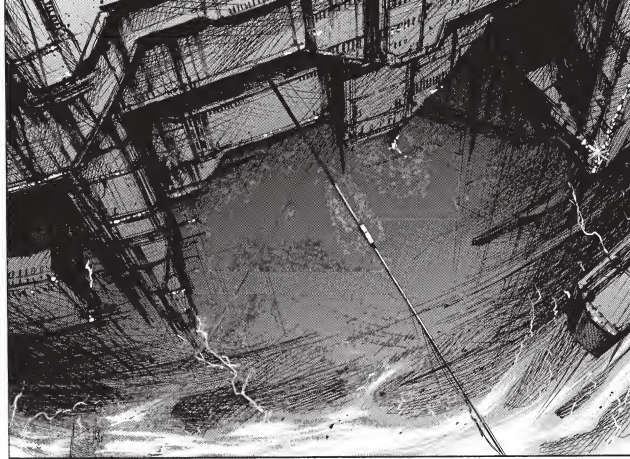
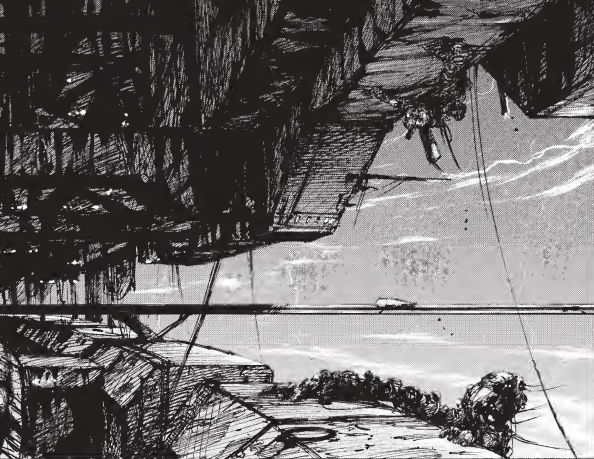
RIGHT.
THAT'S
WHAT
WE
CALL
IT.

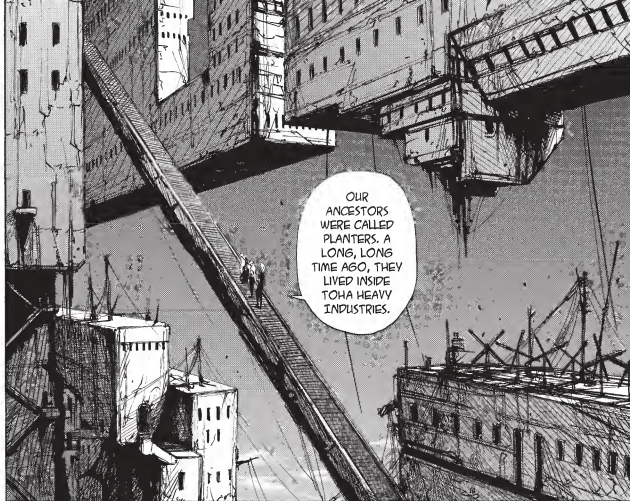


TOHA
HEAVY
INDUS-
TRIES
...?

IT LOOKS LIKE
THE CENTRAL
STRUCTURE
AND THE
SURROUNDING
PARTS ARE
MADE OF
DIFFERENT
MATERIAL.





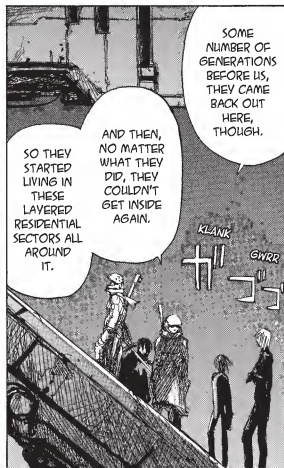


OUR
ANCESTORS
WERE CALLED
PLANTERS. A
LONG, LONG
TIME AGO, THEY
LIVED INSIDE
TOHA HEAVY
INDUSTRIES.



NOBODY
REMEMBERS
WHAT THEY
DID.

PLANTERS?
DID THEY
PLANT
THINGS?



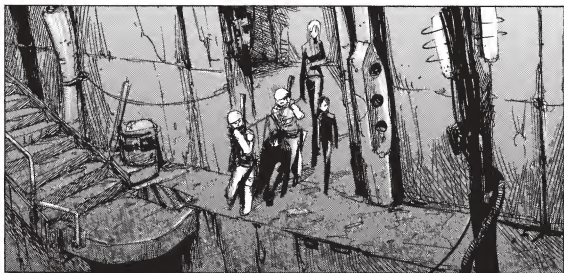
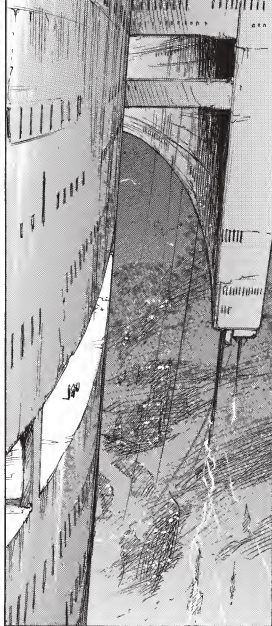
SOME
NUMBER OF
GENERATIONS
BEFORE US,
THEY CAME
BACK OUT
HERE,
THOUGH.

SO THEY
STARTED
LIVING IN
THESE
LAYERED
RESIDENTIAL
SECTORS ALL
AROUND
IT.

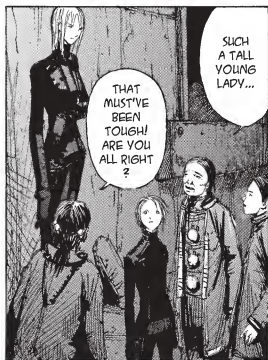
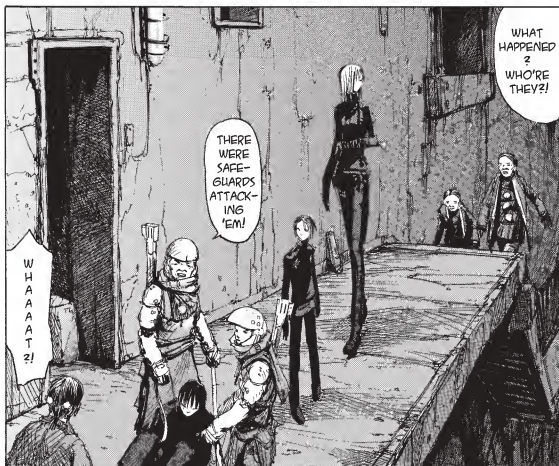
AND THEN,
NO MATTER
WHAT THEY
DID, THEY
COULDN'T
GET INSIDE
AGAIN.

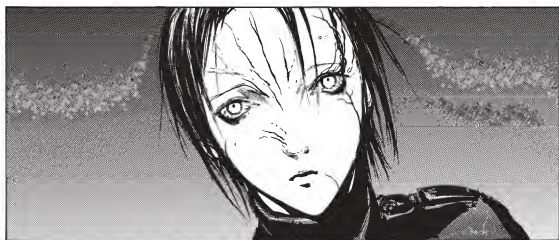
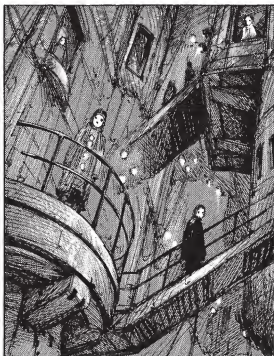
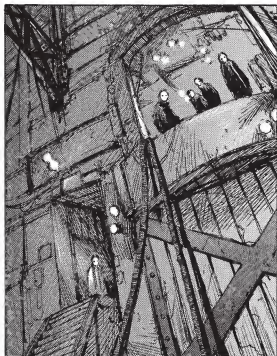
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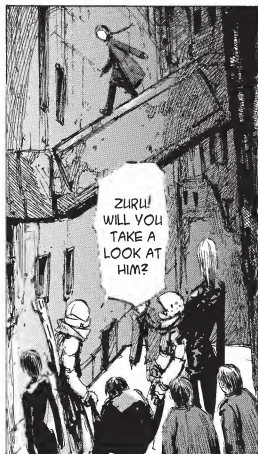
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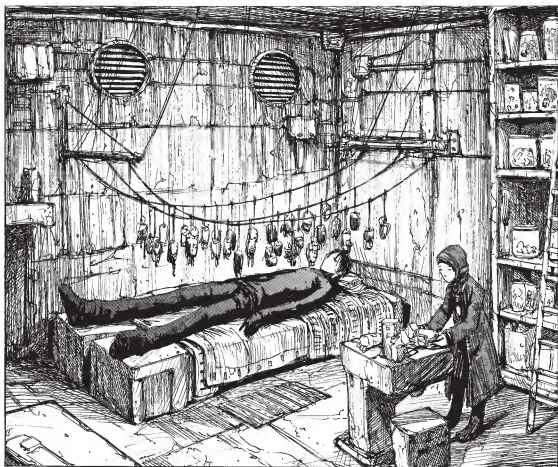


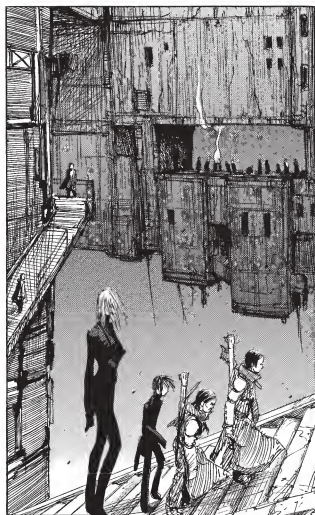
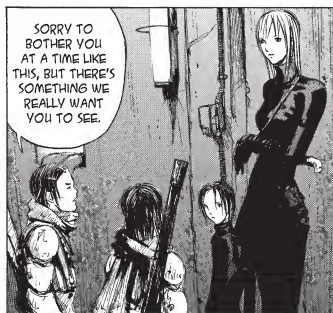


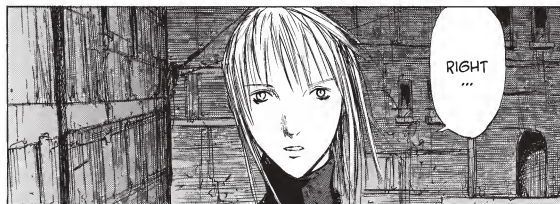
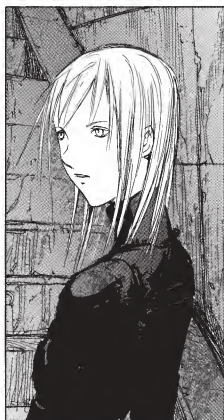
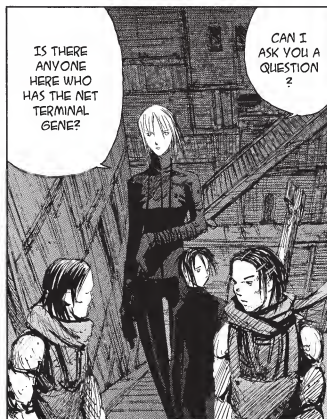




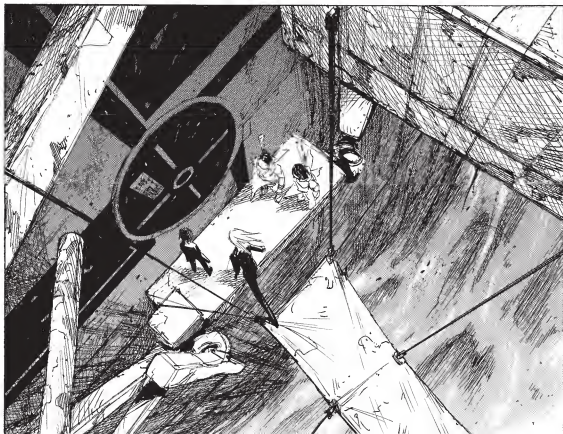
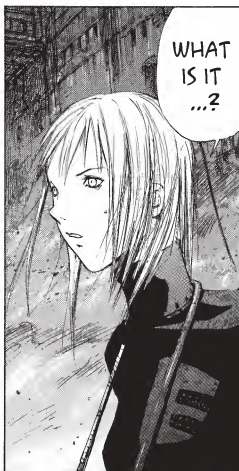
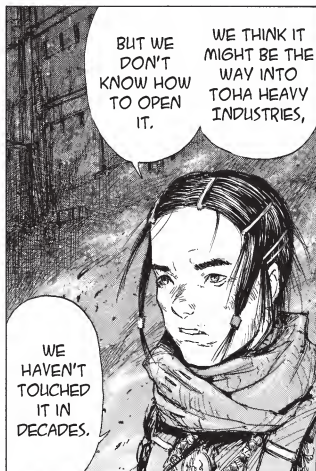


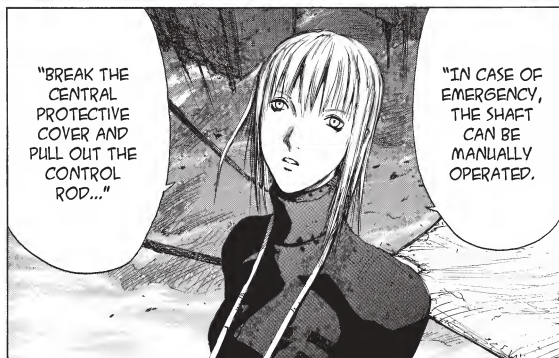
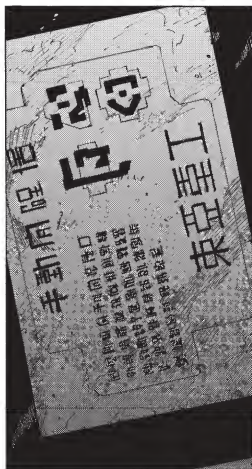


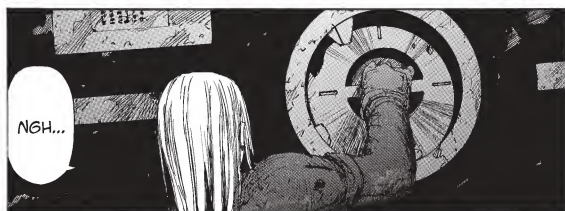
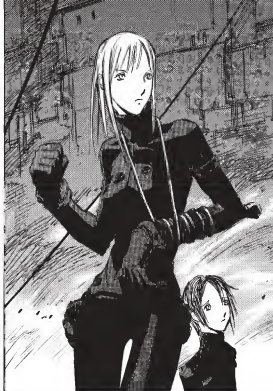


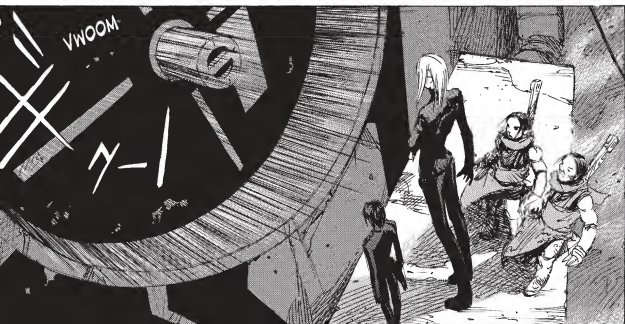
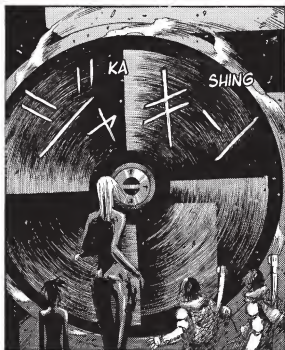
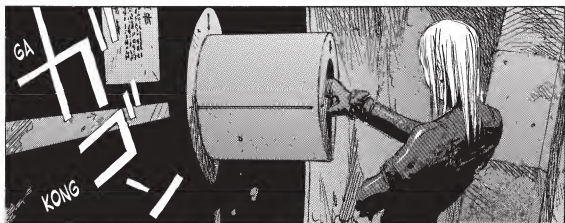


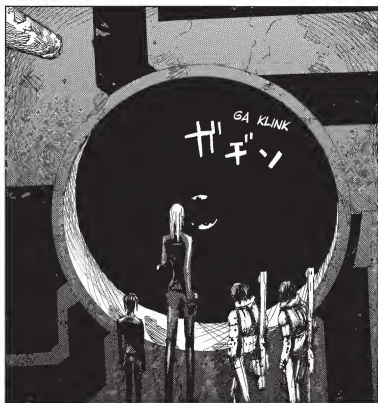








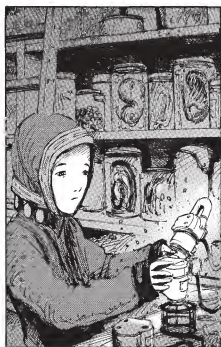
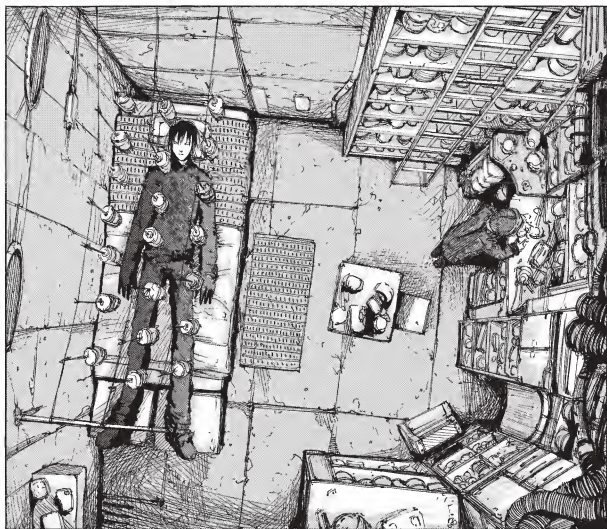


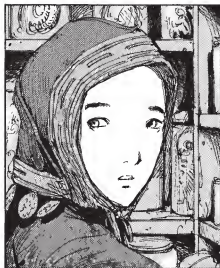


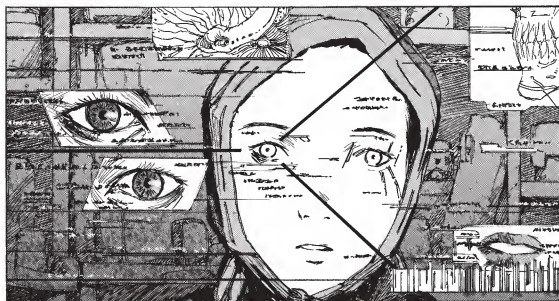
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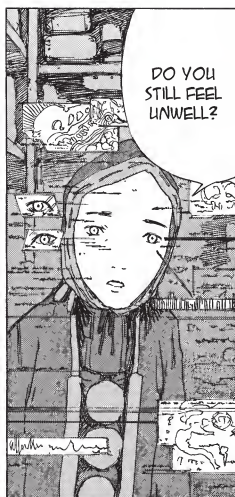
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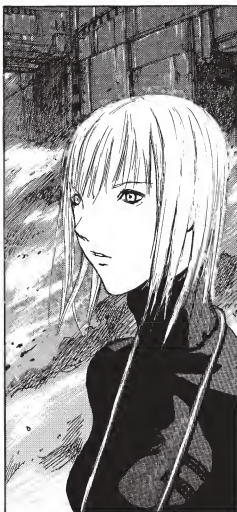
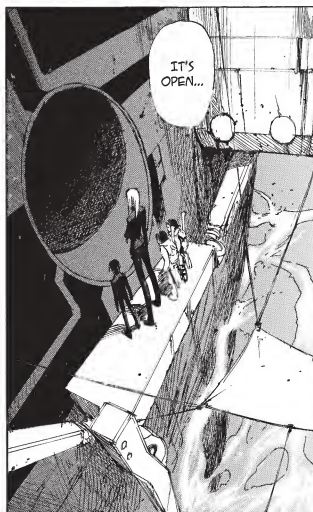


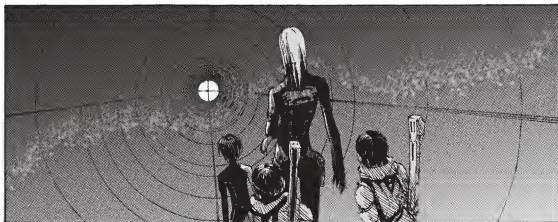
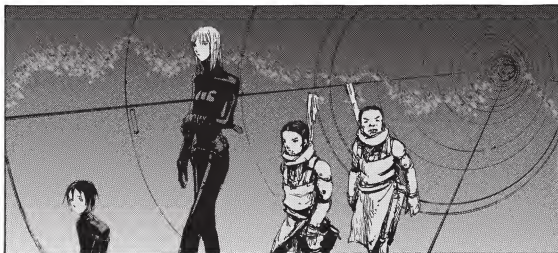
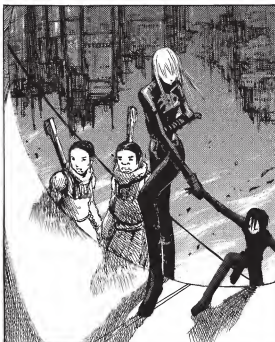
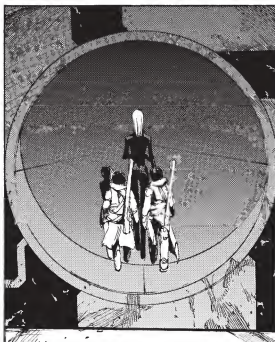


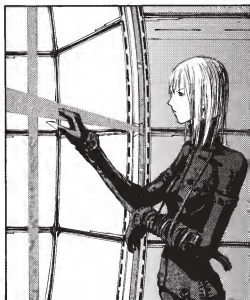
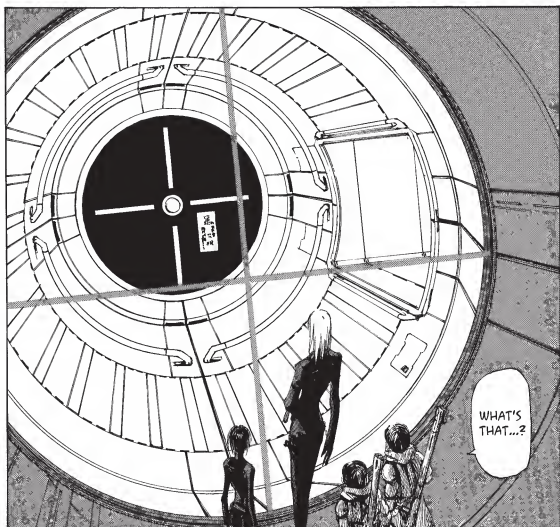


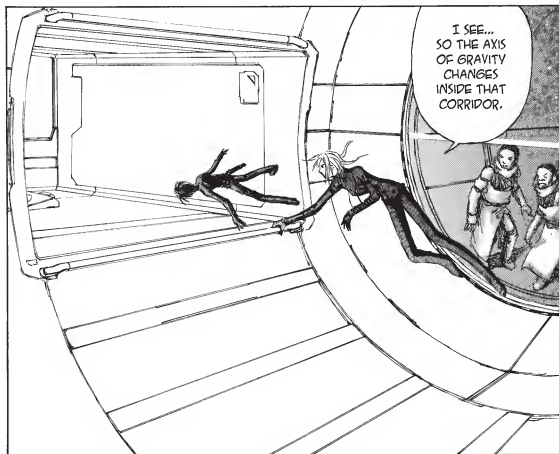
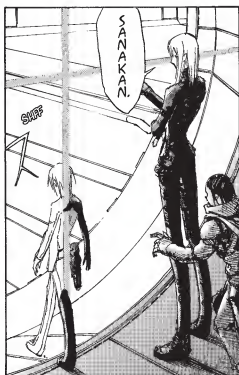
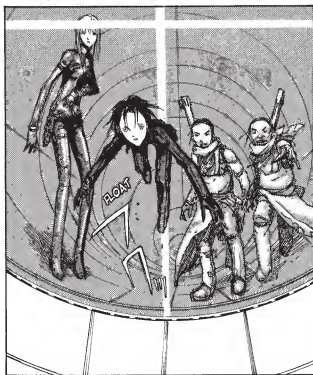


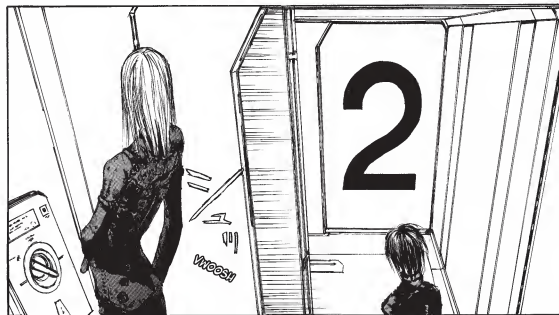
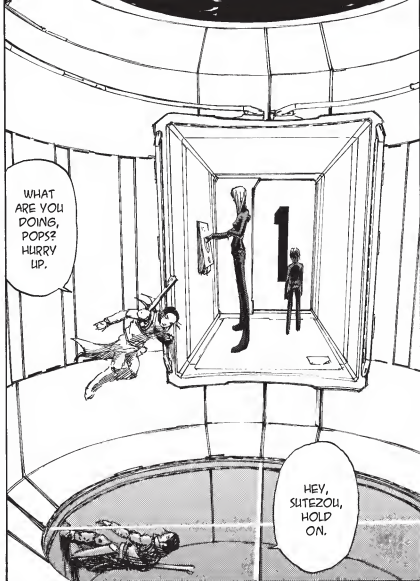


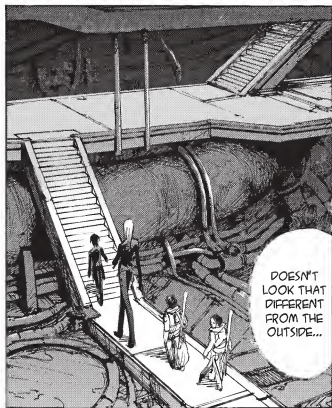
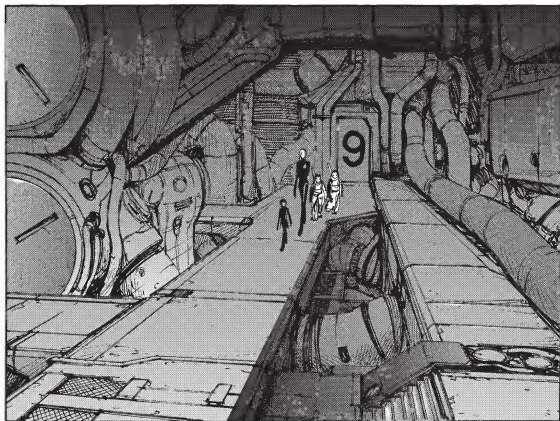


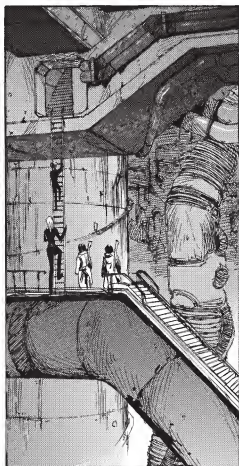
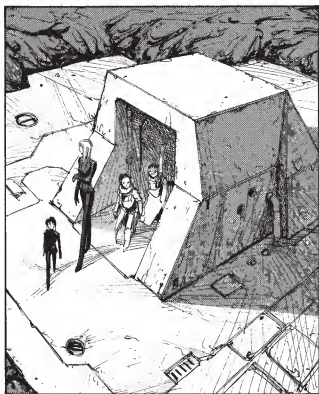
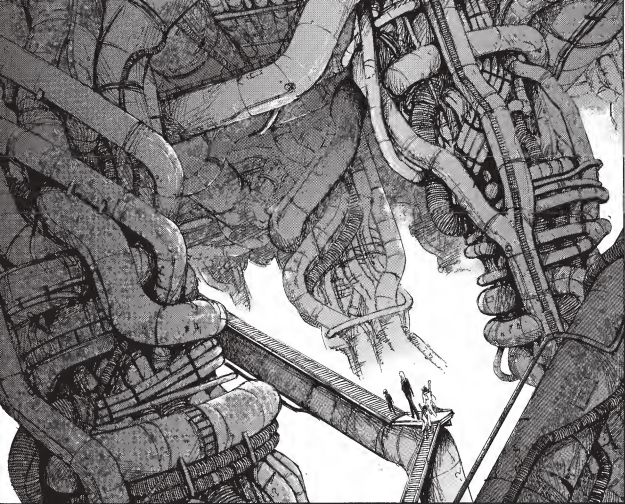


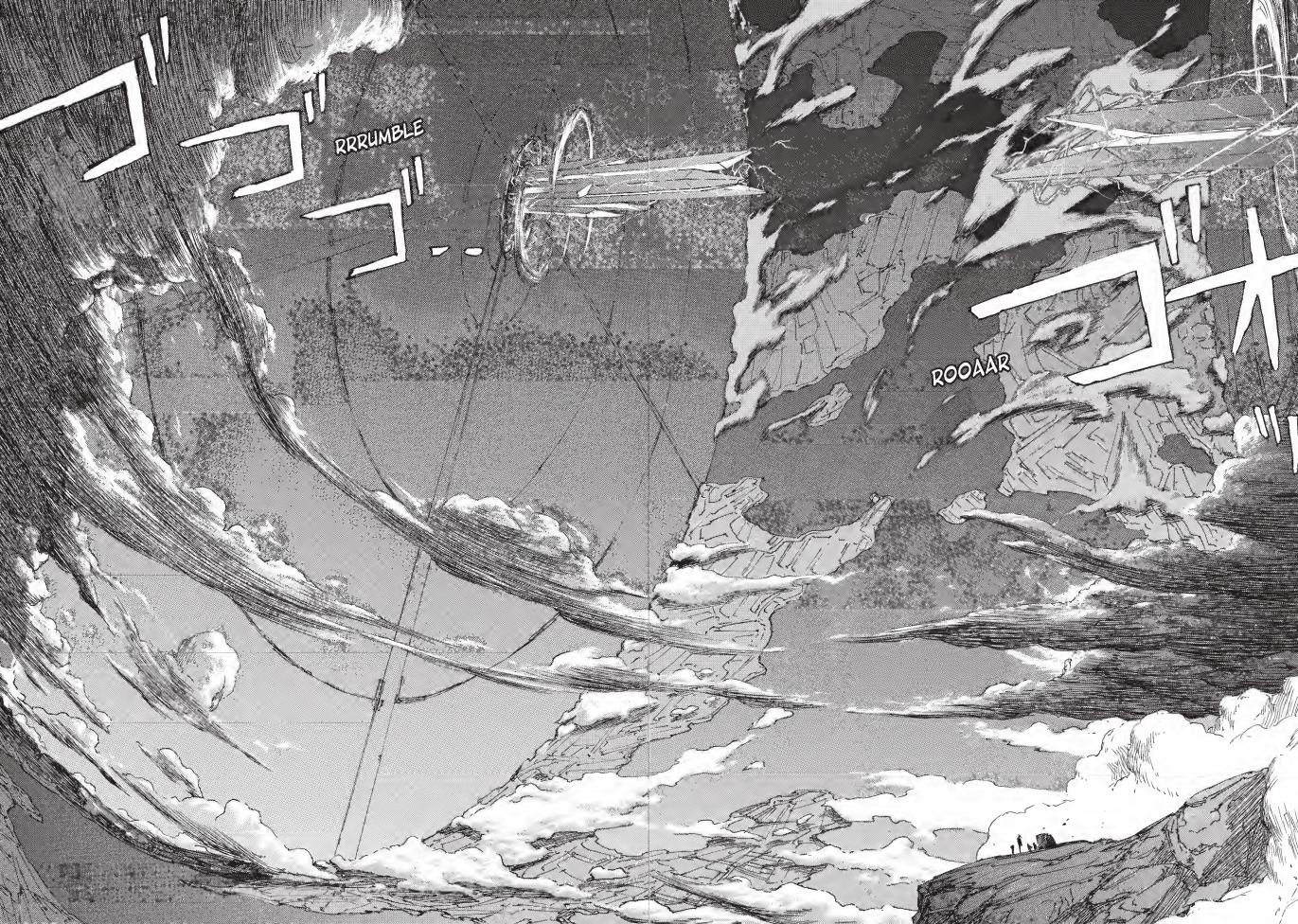








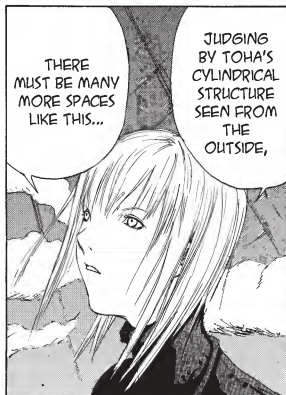
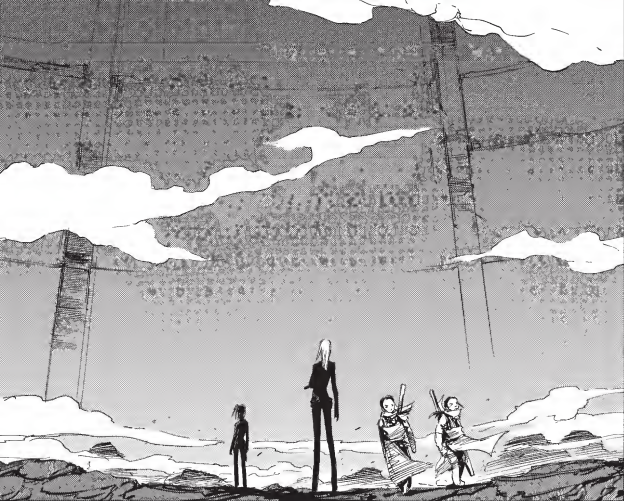


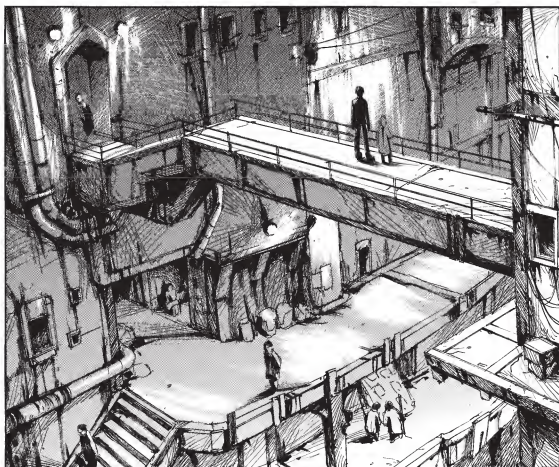


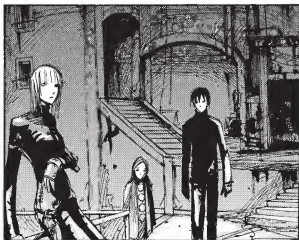
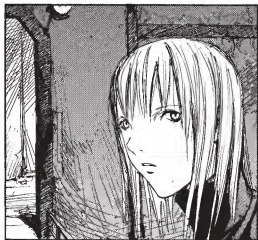
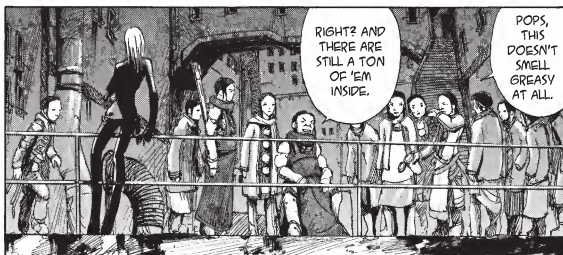
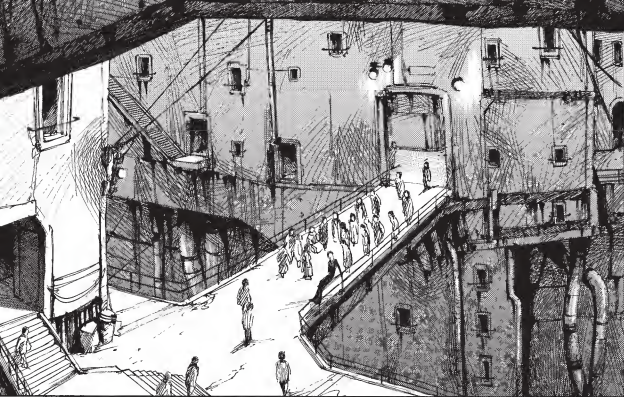
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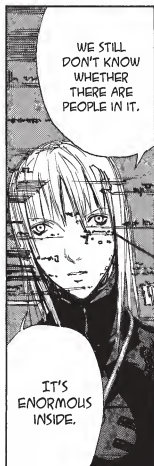
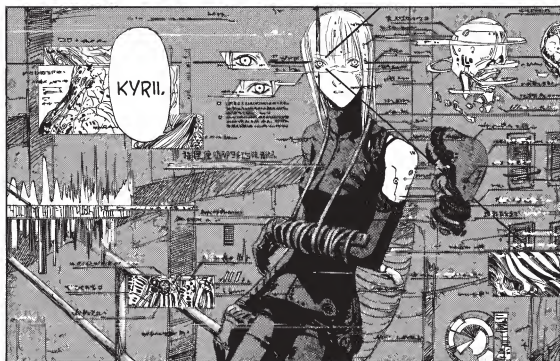
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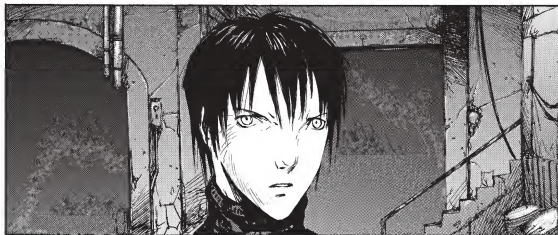
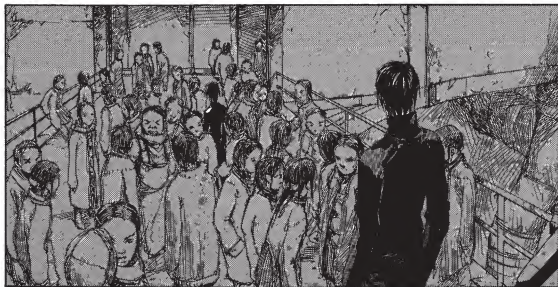
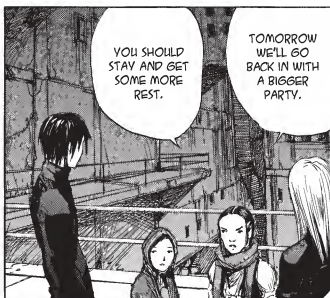


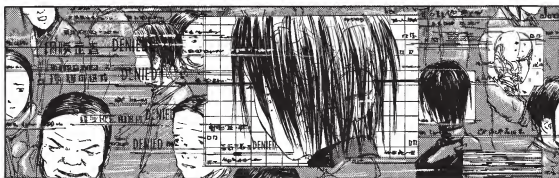
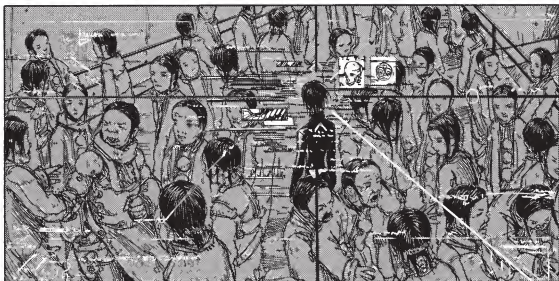


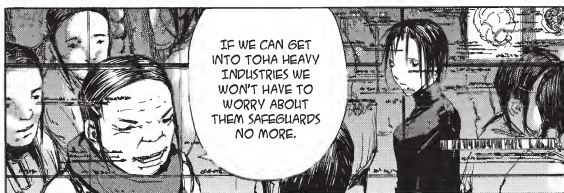


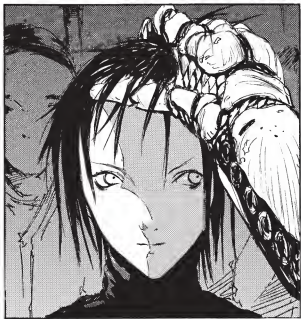


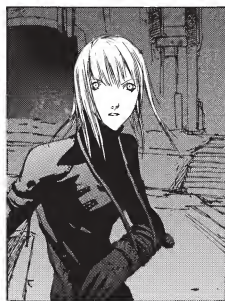
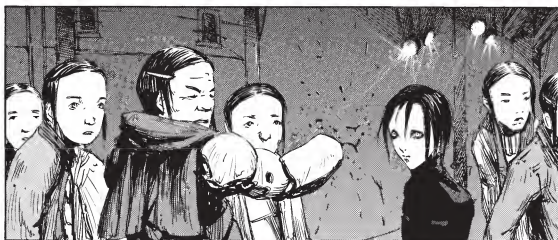
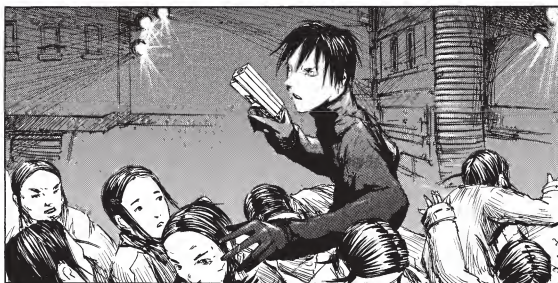








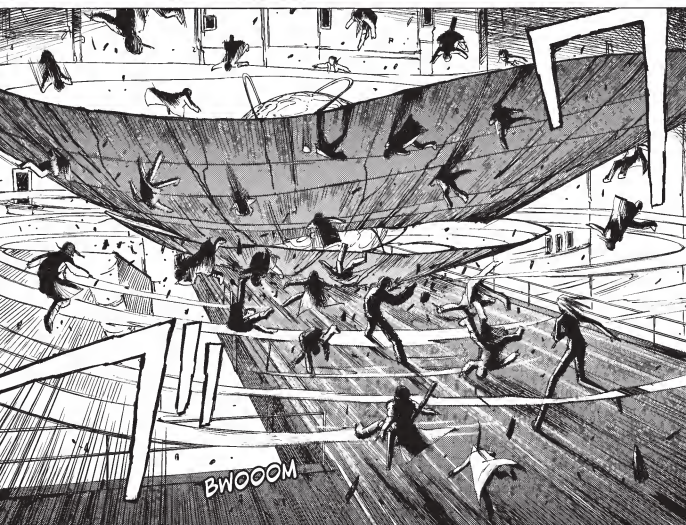
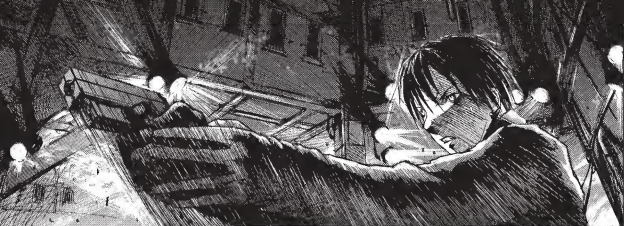




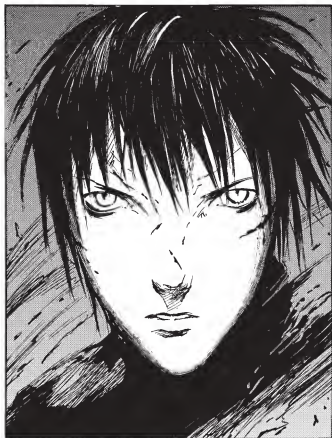
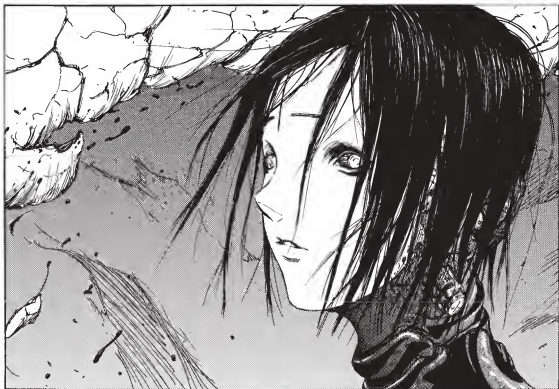
THE ILLEGAL
RESIDENTS
WHO DO NOT
POSSESS THE
NET TERMINAL
GENE.

I/WE THE
SAFEGUARDS
WILL NOW
REMOVE YOU.







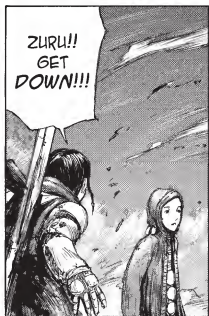
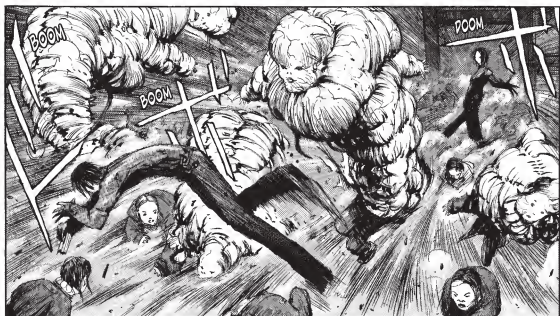


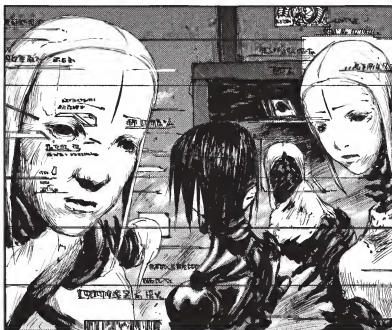
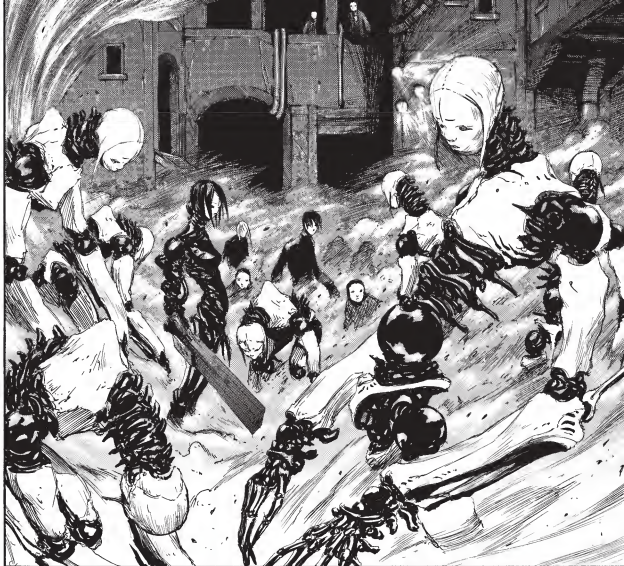


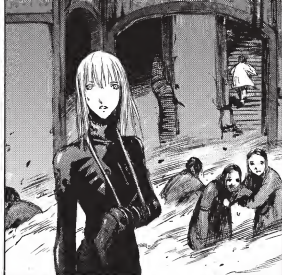
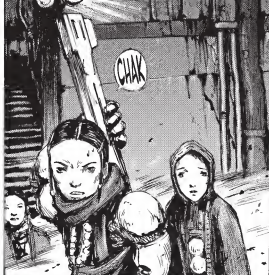


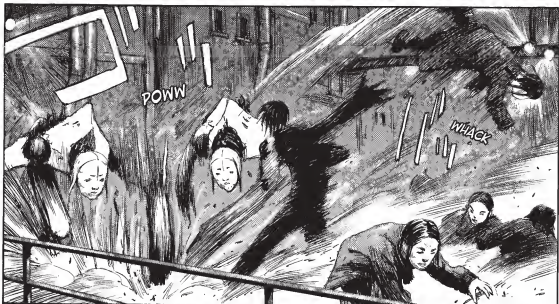


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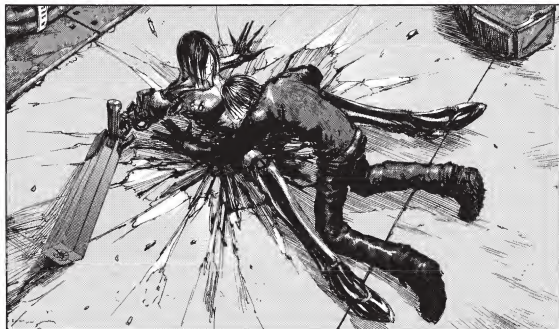
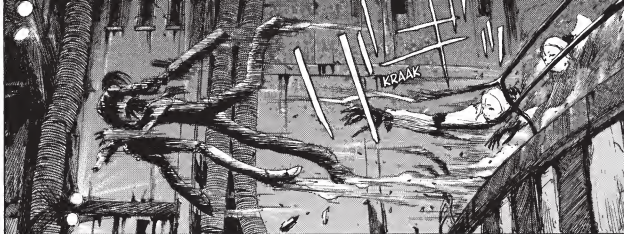


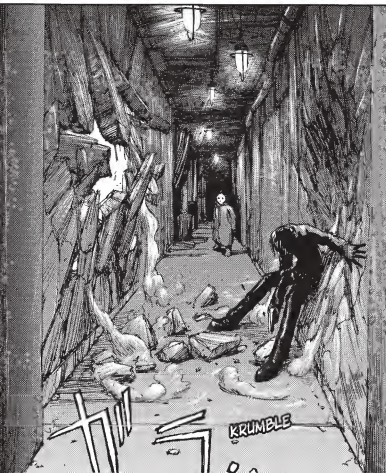
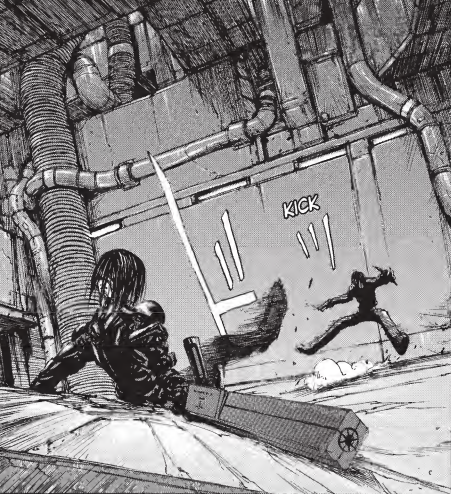


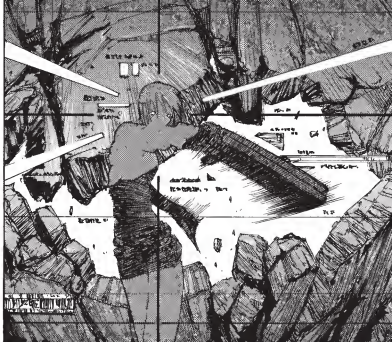




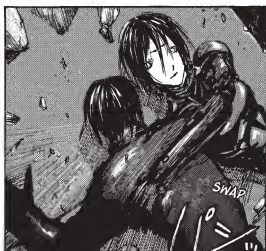




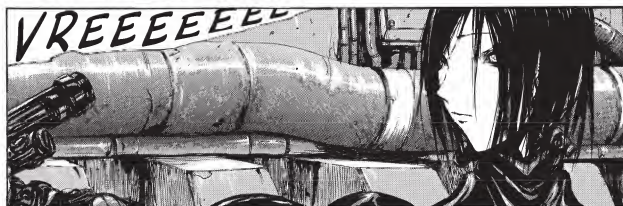
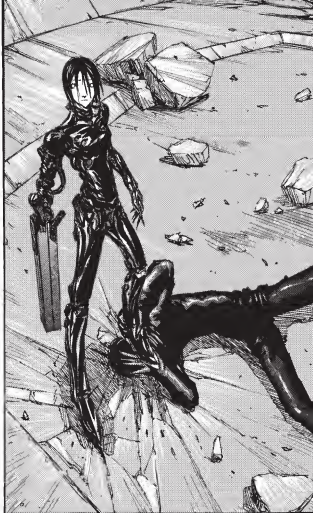
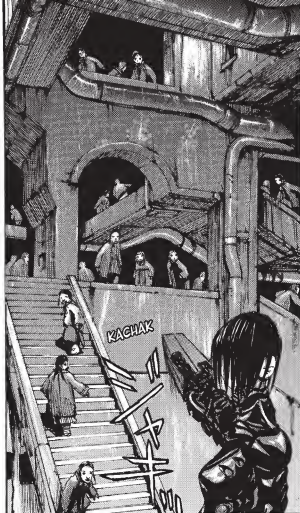


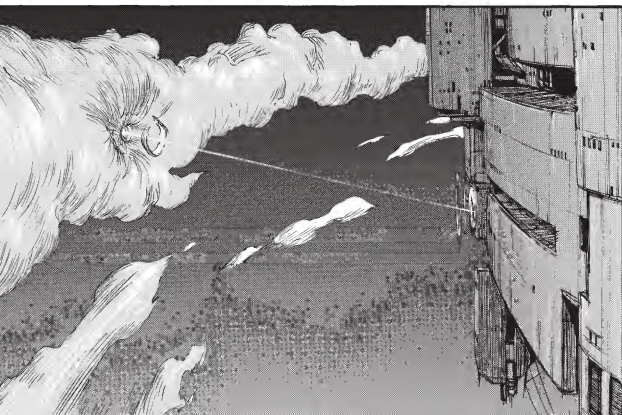
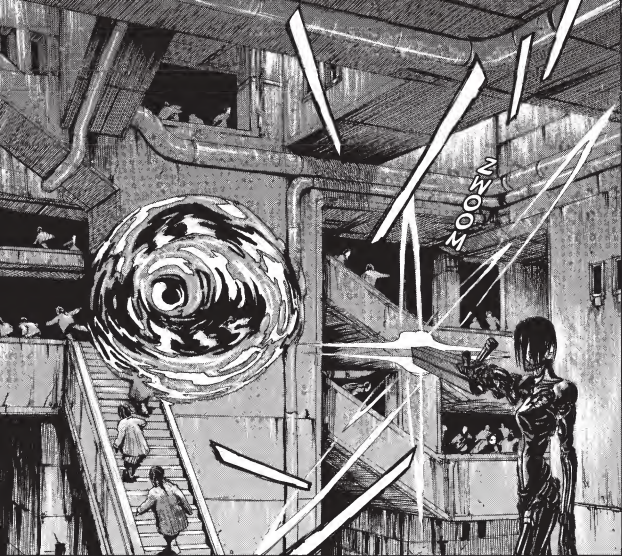


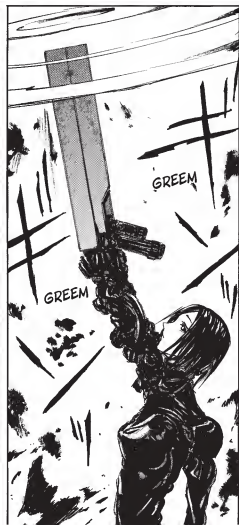
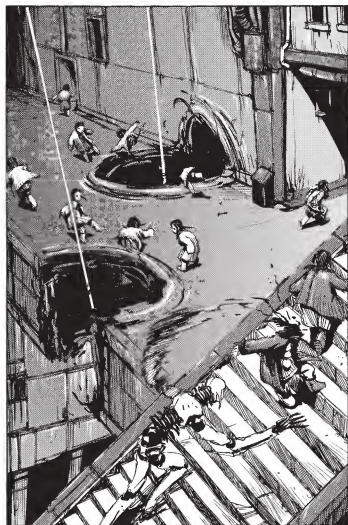


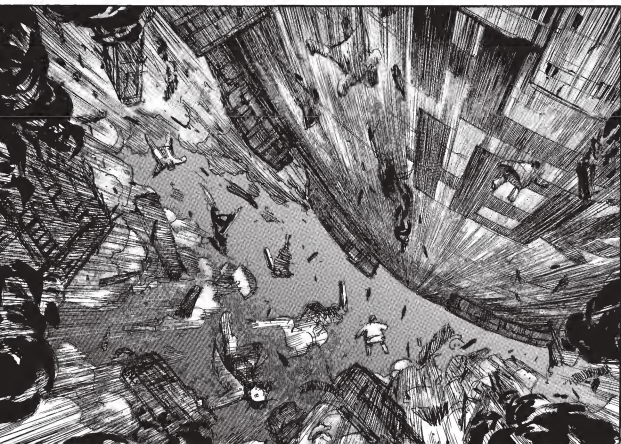
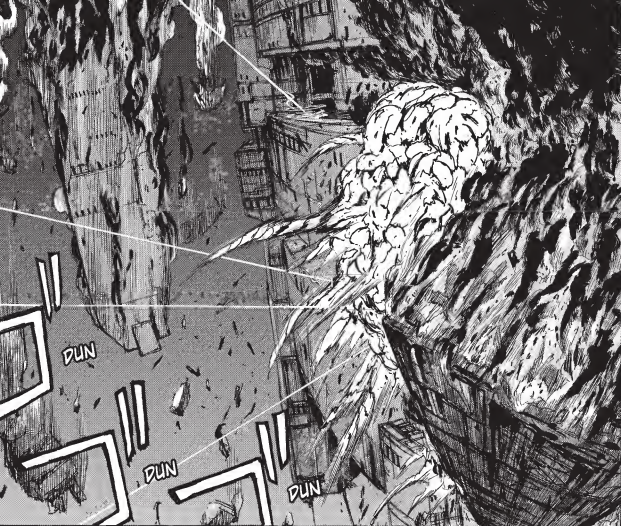




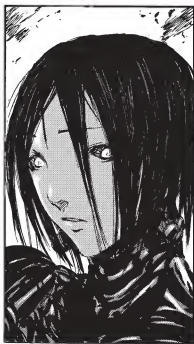
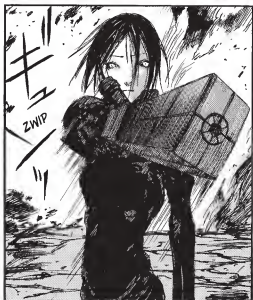


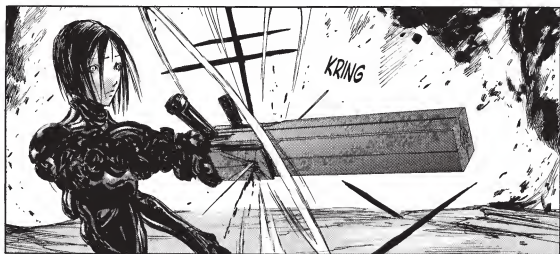
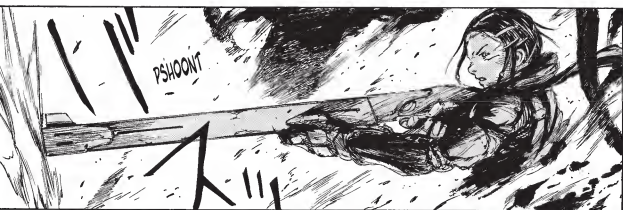


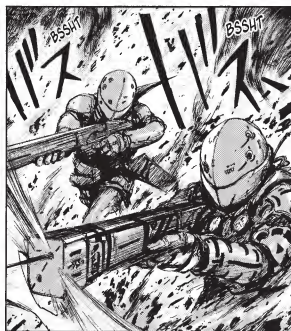


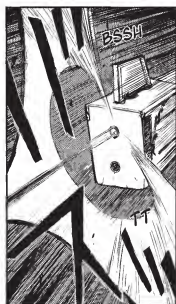


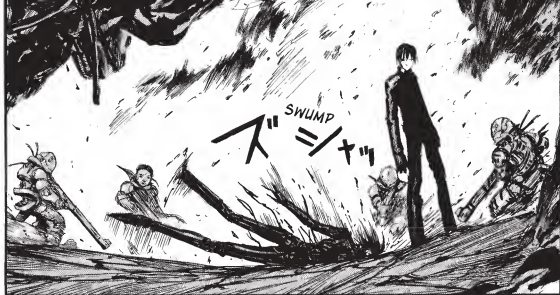








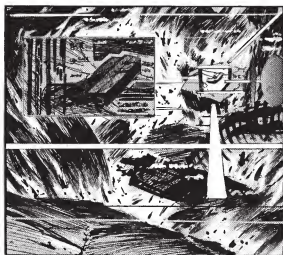


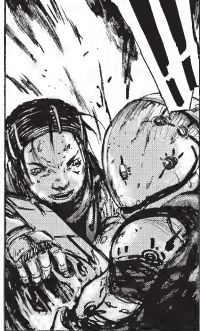


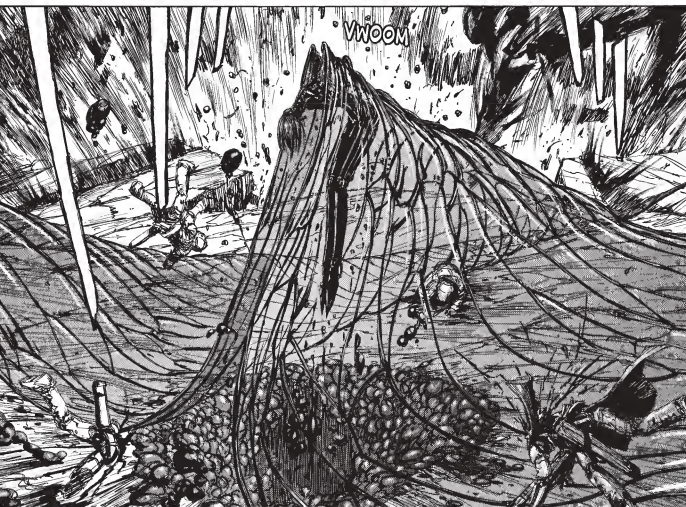
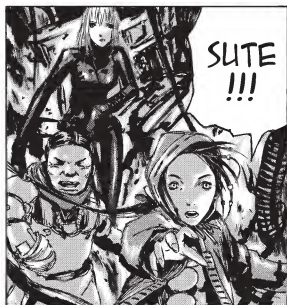
DON'T BE SO
SURE. LET'S
SHOOT THE
HEAD WITH
EVERYTHING
WE'VE GOT
LEFT!

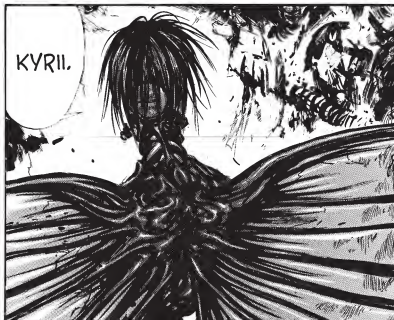
WE
DID
IT
!!!



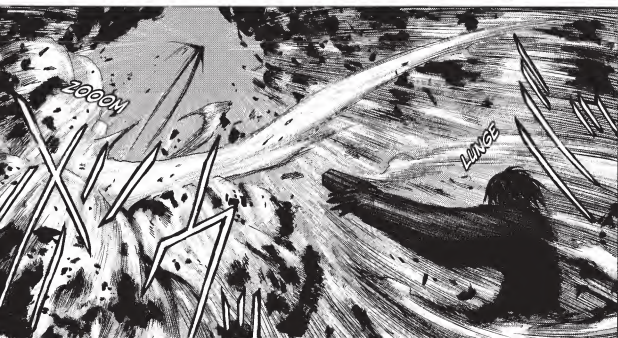
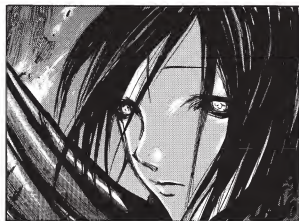


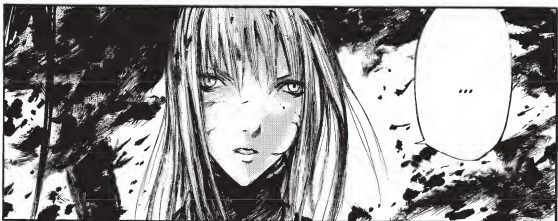
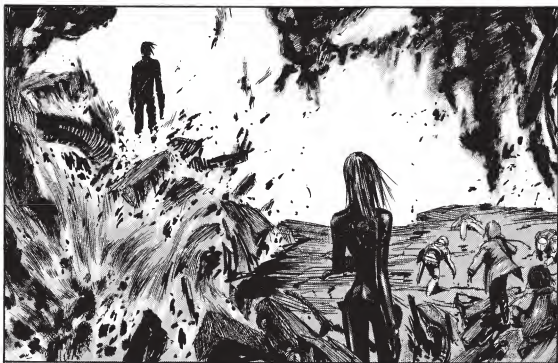
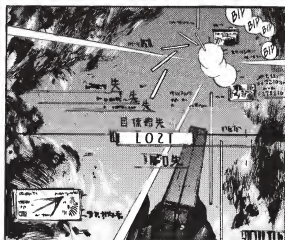


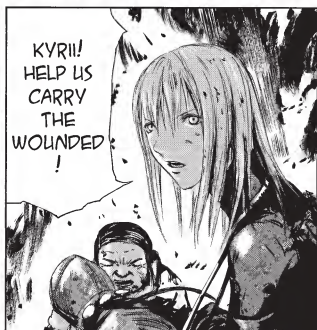




NOTHING
OTHER
THAN YOUR
FUNCTIONS
WERE
RESTORED?



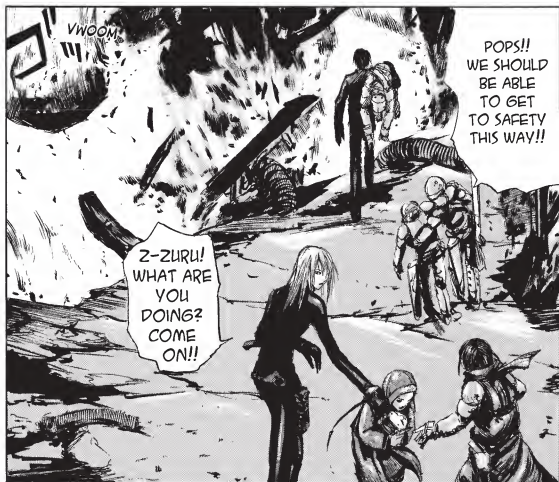


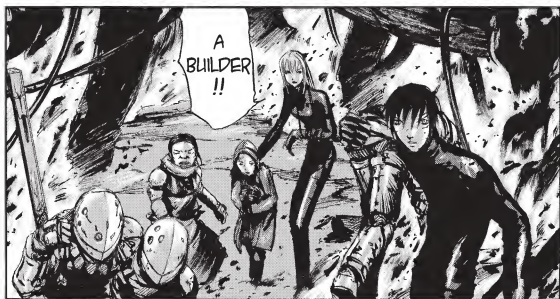


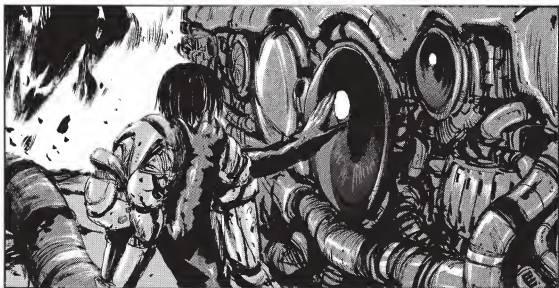
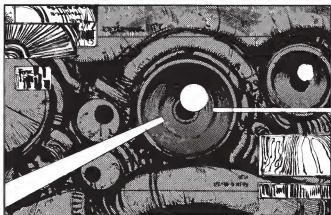


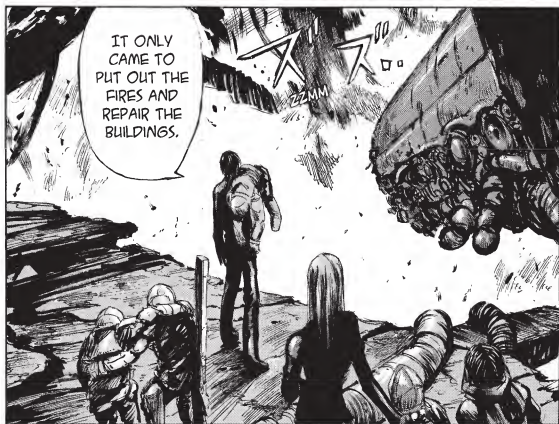
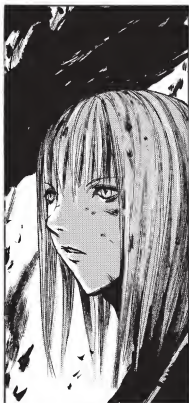
ROOAR

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LANGUAGE MATRIX





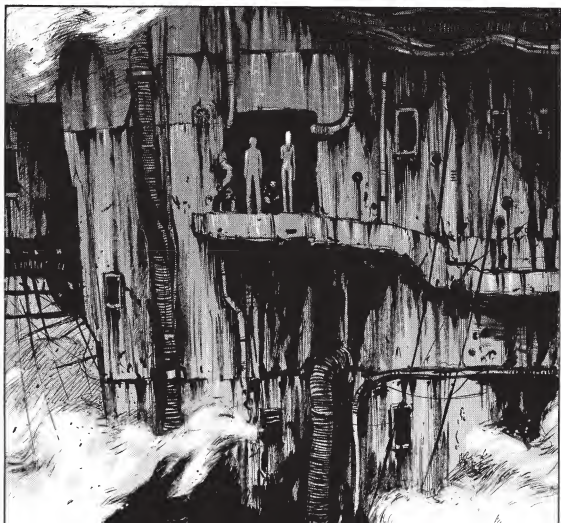
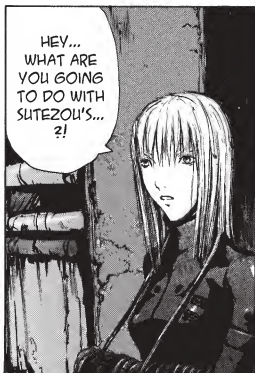


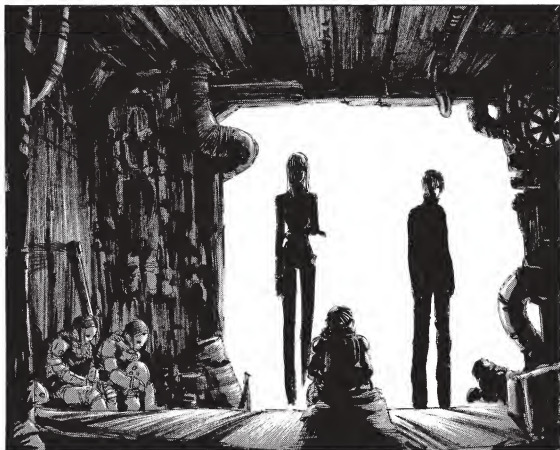








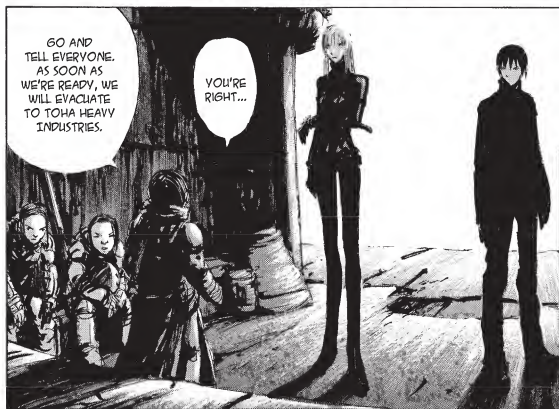






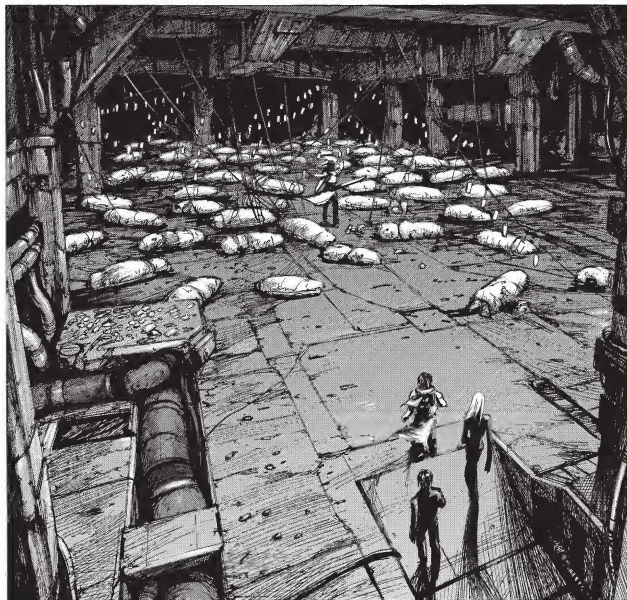
POPS, THERE'S
NO WAY WE CAN
DEFEND AGAINST
ANOTHER
ONE...

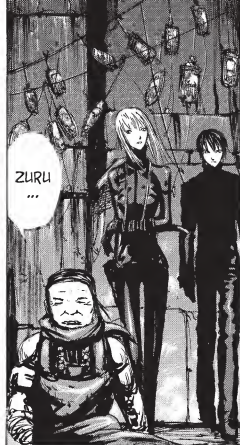
MOST OF THE
ELECTRO-FISHERS
DIED IN THAT
ASSAULT JUST
NOW.

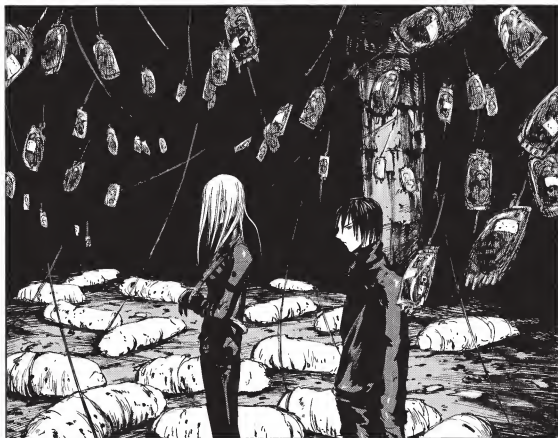
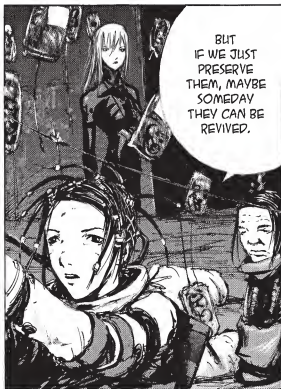


GO AND
TELL EVERYONE.
AS SOON AS
WE'RE READY, WE
WILL EVACUATE
TO TOHA HEAVY
INDUSTRIES.

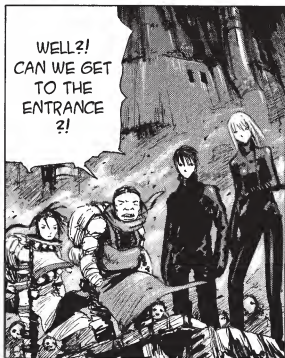
YOU'RE
RIGHT...











WELL?!
CAN WE GET
TO THE
ENTRANCE
?!



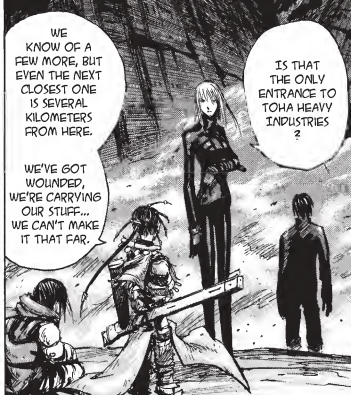
HOW'S
IT LOOK
THAT
WAY?

NO
GOOD...
IT'S STILL
TOO HOT
INSIDE.
CAN'T GET
CLOSE.





KYRII,
DO YOU THINK
YOU CAN GET
THAT BUILDER
TO DO SOME-
THING?



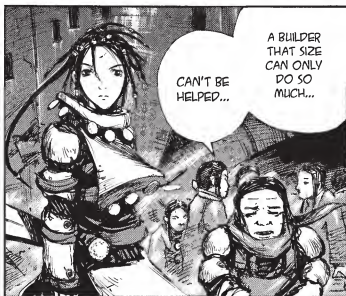
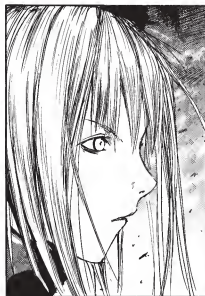
WE
KNOW OF A
FEW MORE, BUT
EVEN THE NEXT
CLOSEST ONE
IS SEVERAL
KILOMETERS
FROM HERE.

WE'VE GOT
WOUNDED,
WE'RE CARRYING
OUR STUFF...
WE CAN'T MAKE
IT THAT FAR.

IS THAT
THE ONLY
ENTRANCE TO
TOHA HEAVY
INDUSTRIES
?



IT'S ALREADY
STARTED THE
DEMOLITION WORK.
BUT IT NEEDS
ANOTHER 2,160
HOURS BEFORE
IT'S DONE.



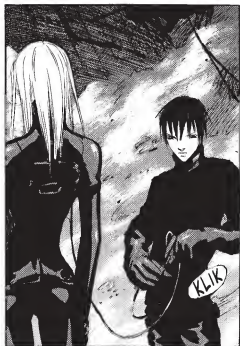
CAN'T BE
HELPED...

A BUILDER
THAT SIZE
CAN ONLY
DO SO MUCH...



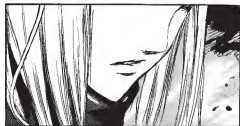
I'LL GO
AND GET
BIGGER
ONES.

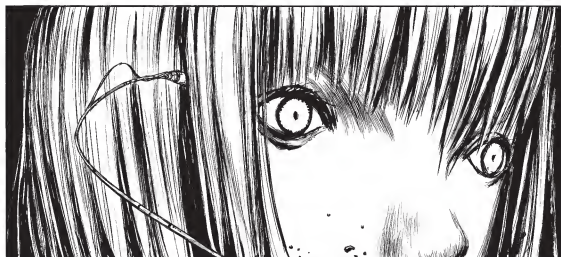
KYRII,
TEACH
ME THE
BUILDERS'
LANGUAGE
MATRIX.

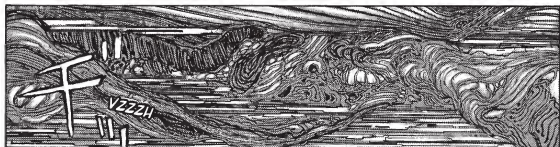
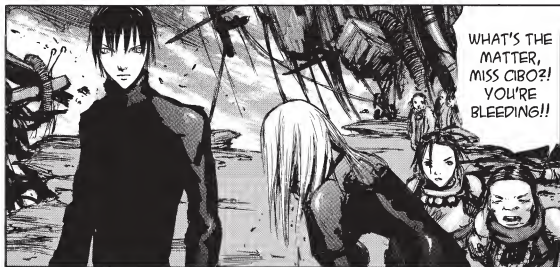


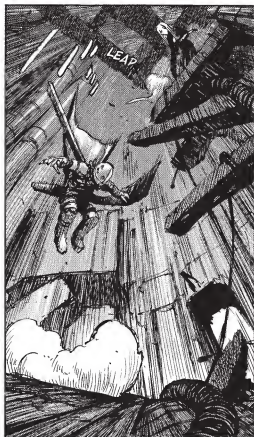
I CAN GET
THERE IN
NO TIME IF
I TAKE THE
RAILCAR.

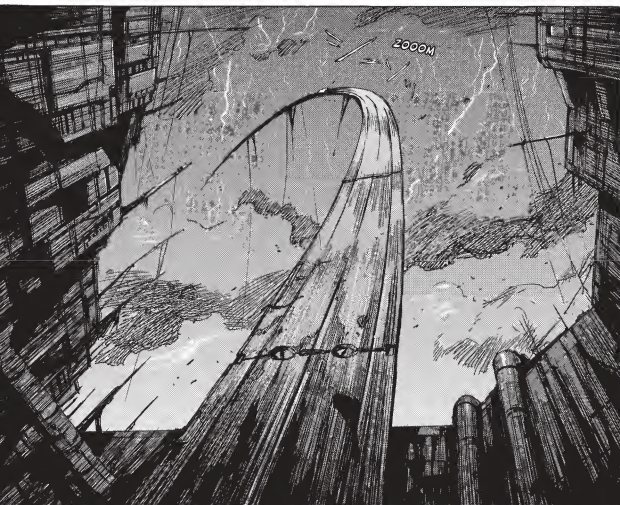
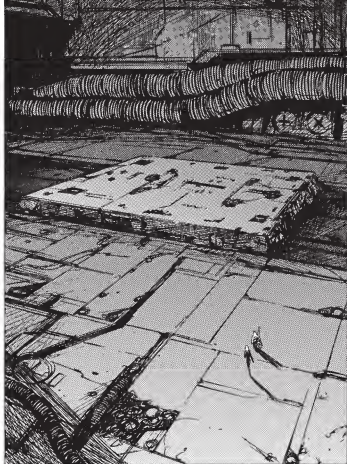
MISS CIBO,
YOU'RE NOT
THINKIN' OF
GOING OVER
THERE, ARE
YOU?

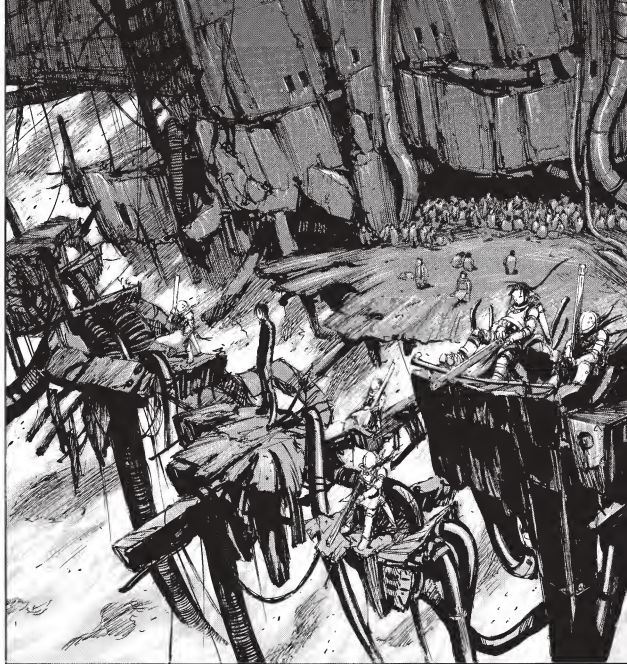


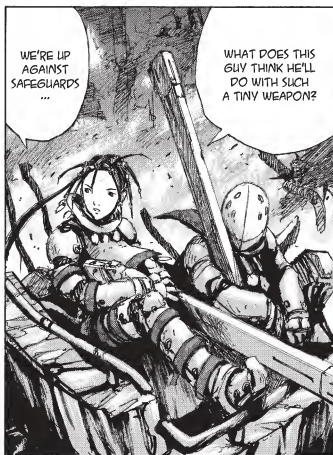


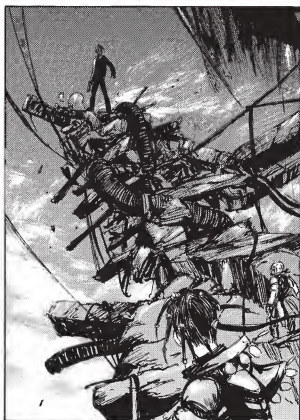
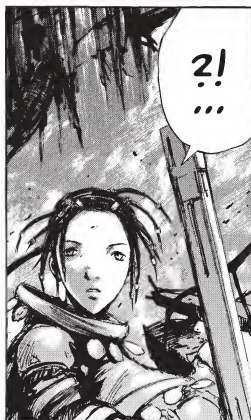
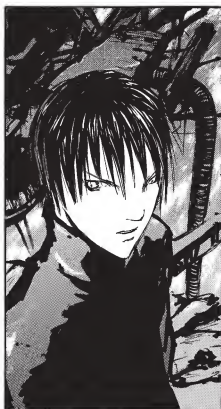




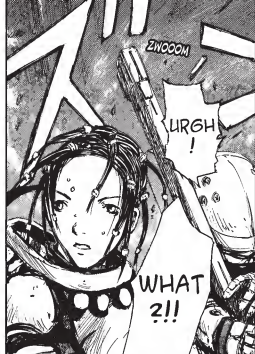










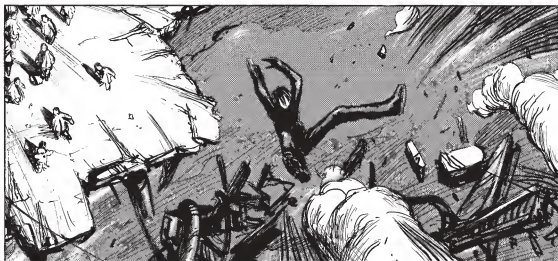


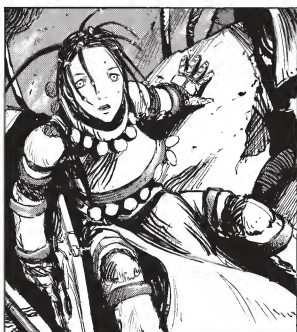
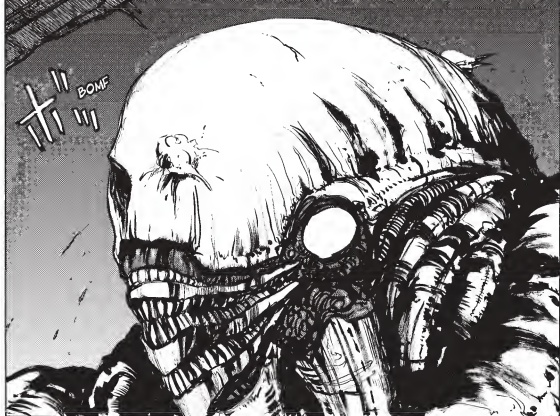




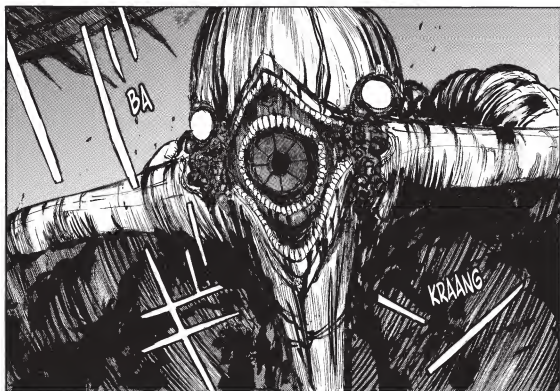
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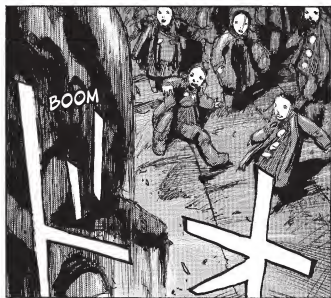
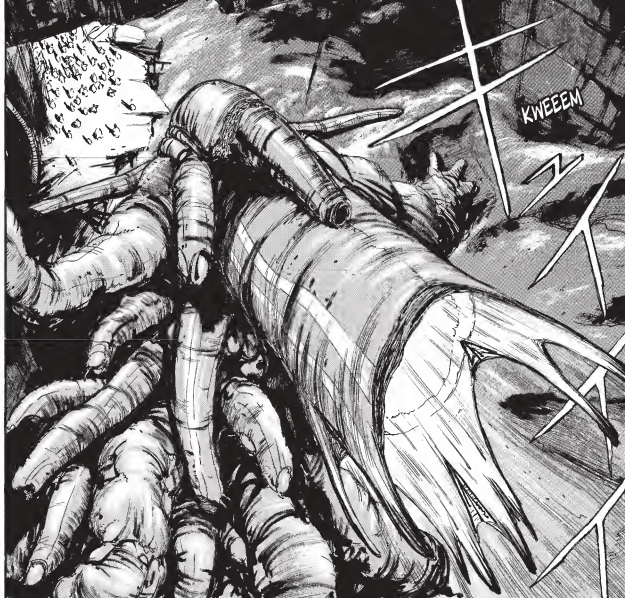


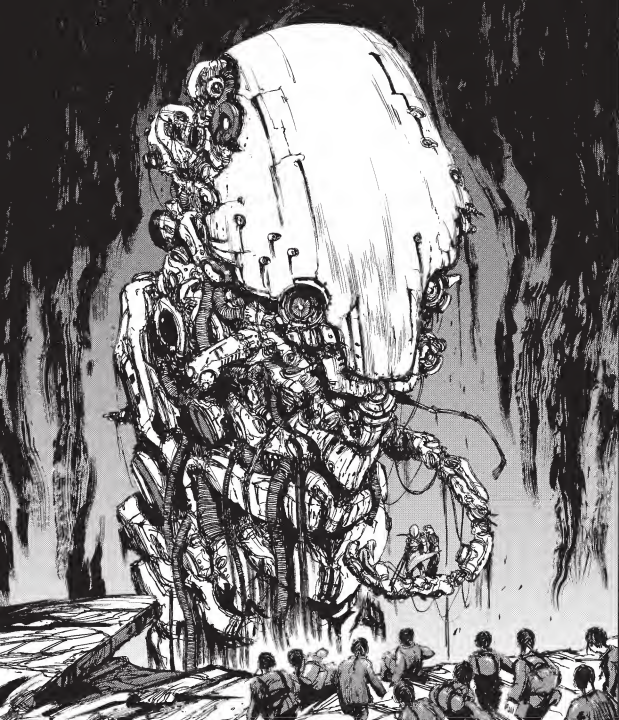


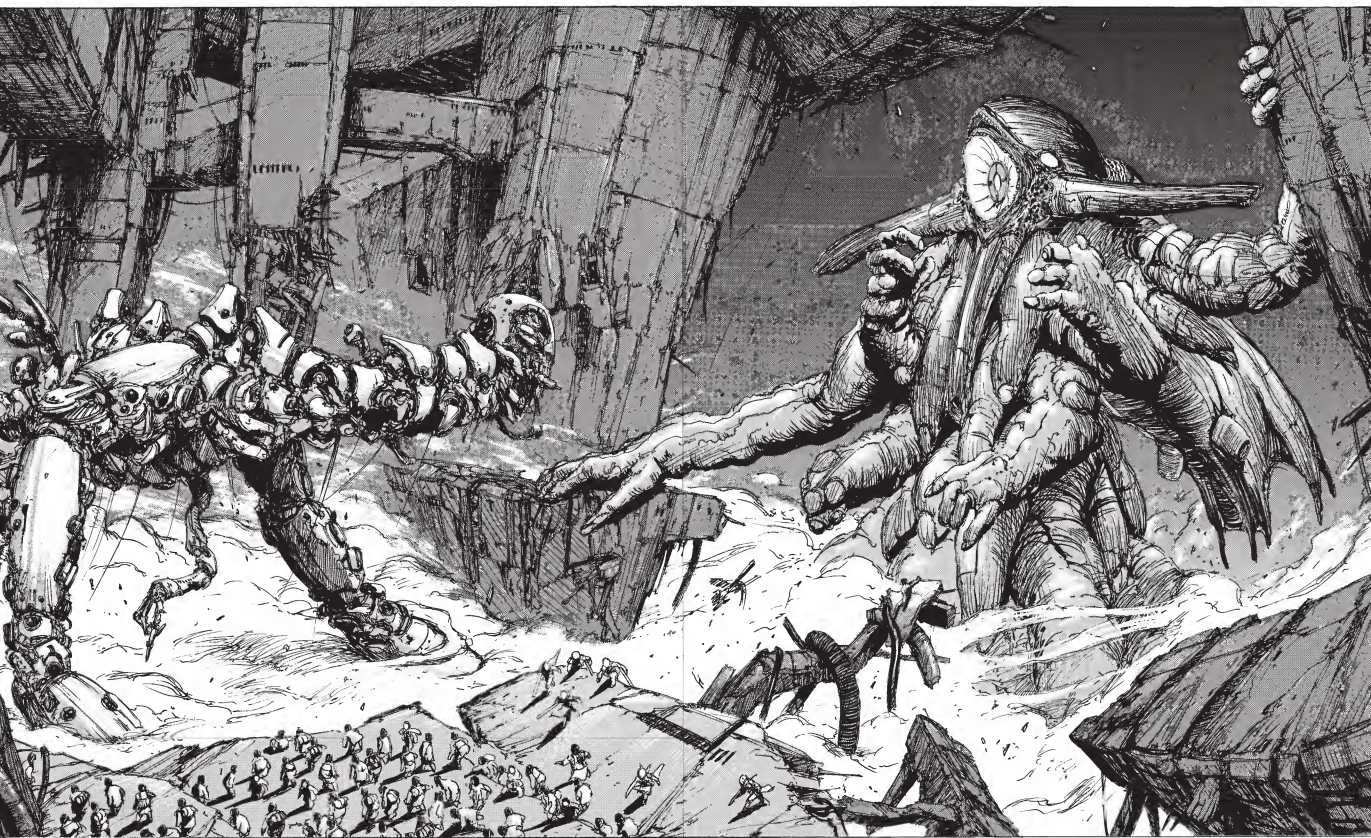


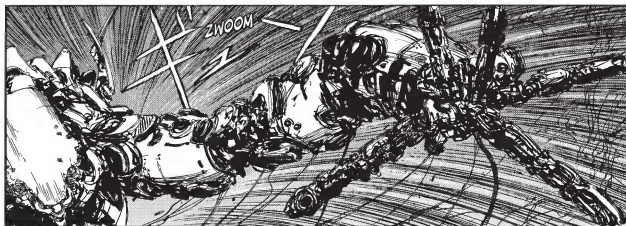


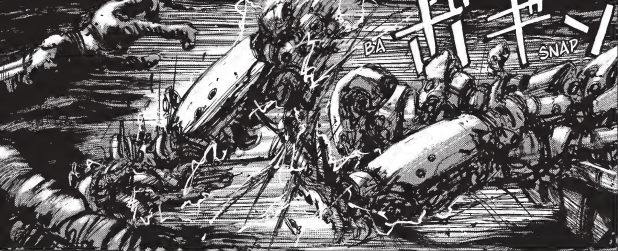


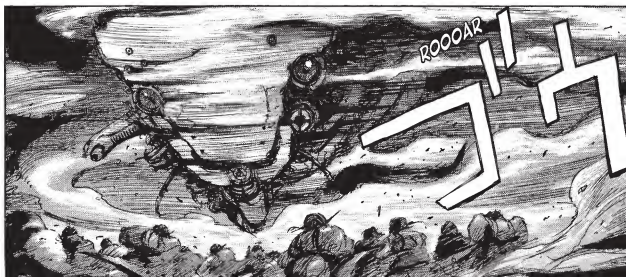
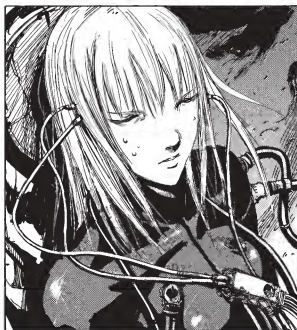
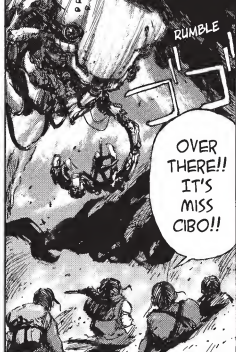


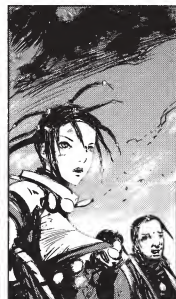
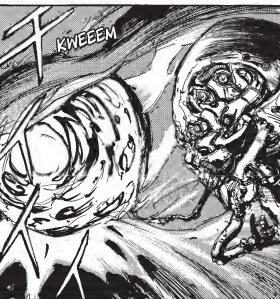
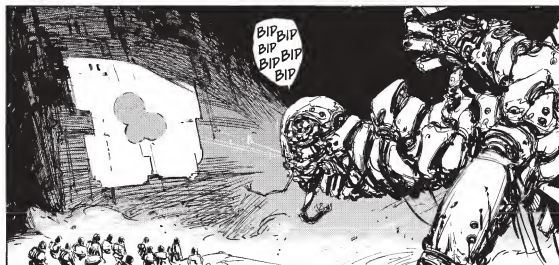




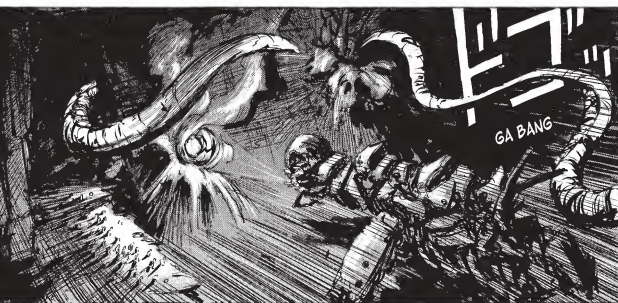




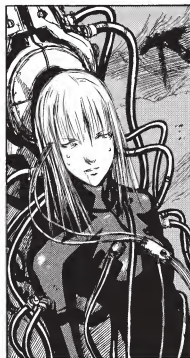
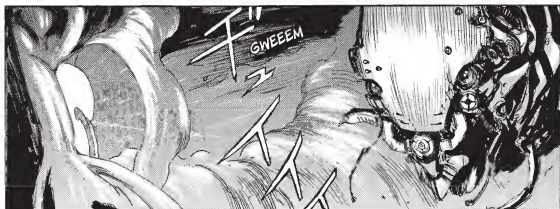
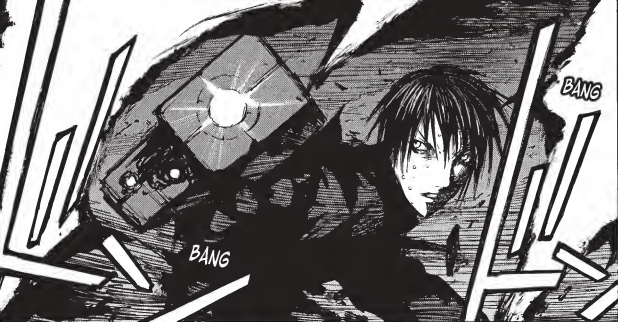








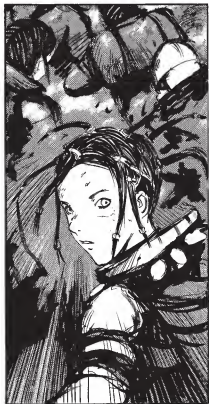
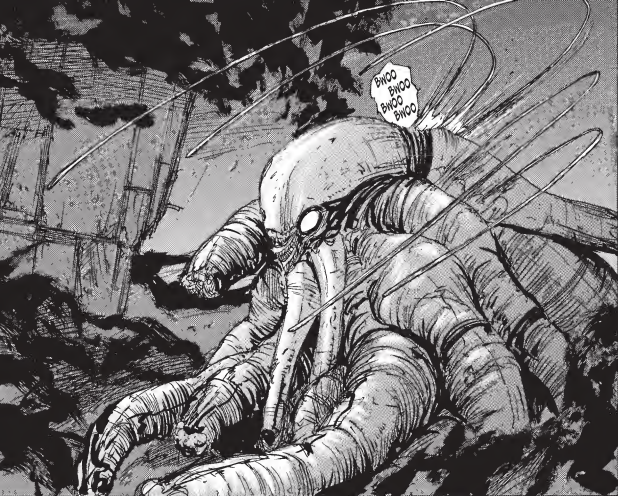


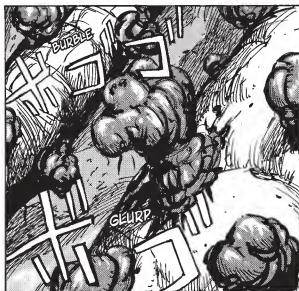
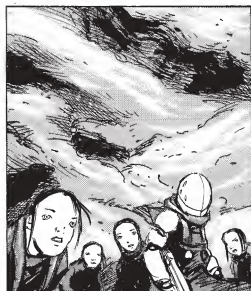
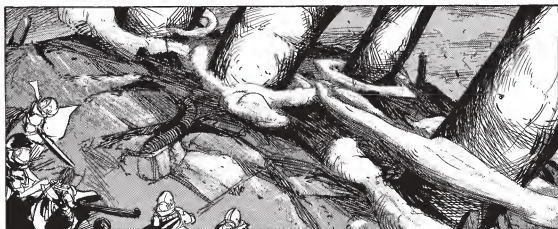
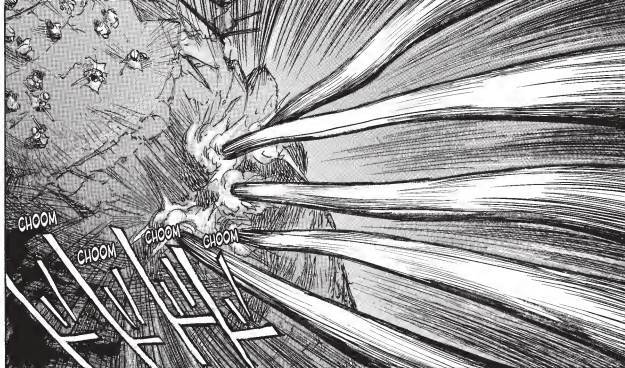


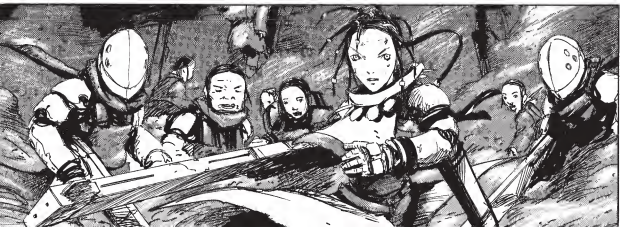
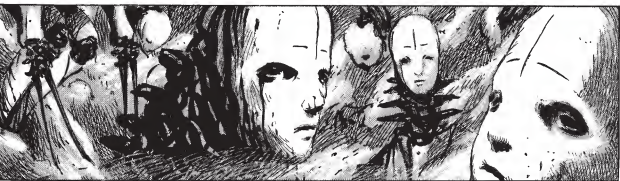


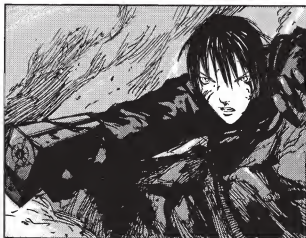
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EVERYONE
GET TO
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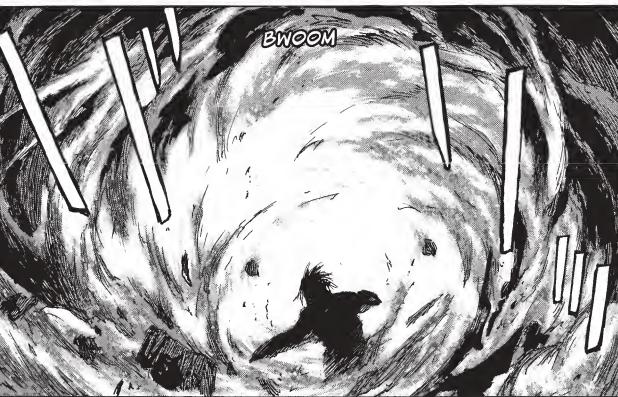


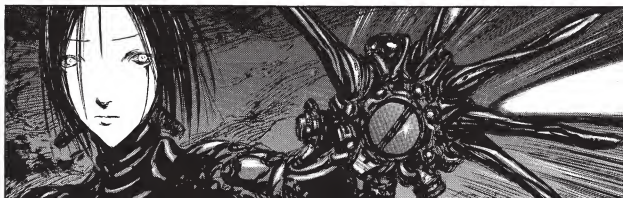
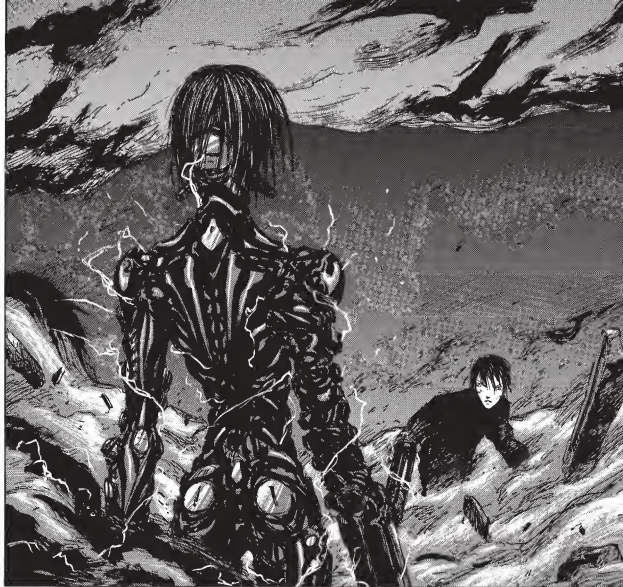


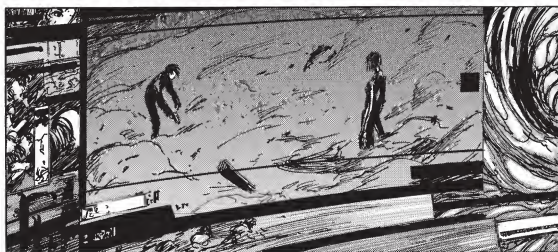
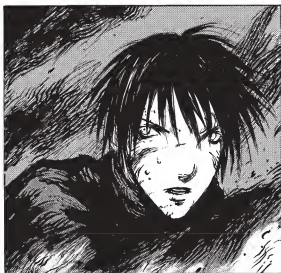
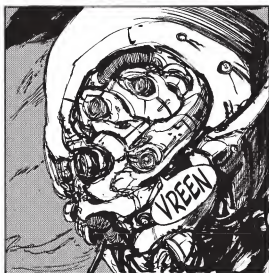


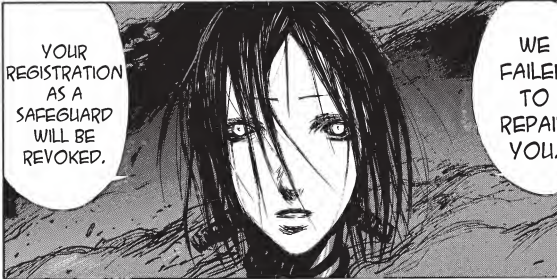






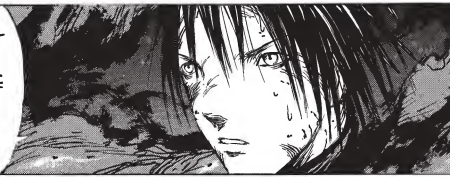




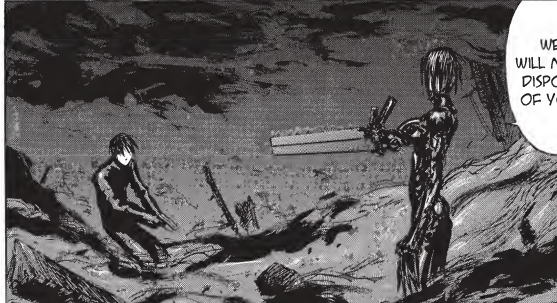


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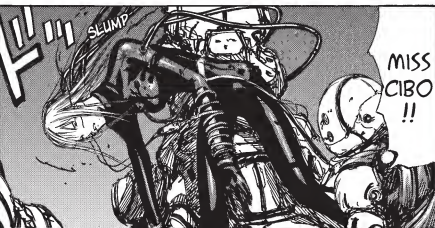
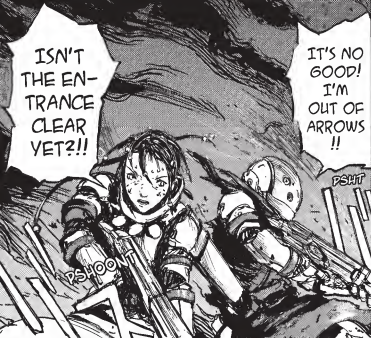
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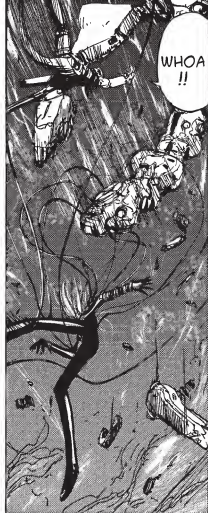


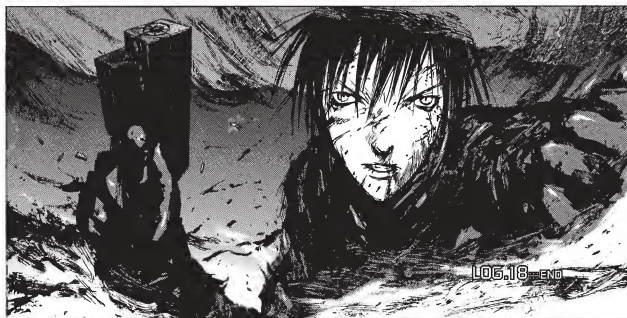
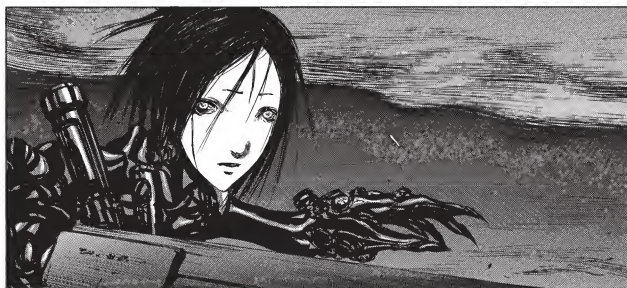
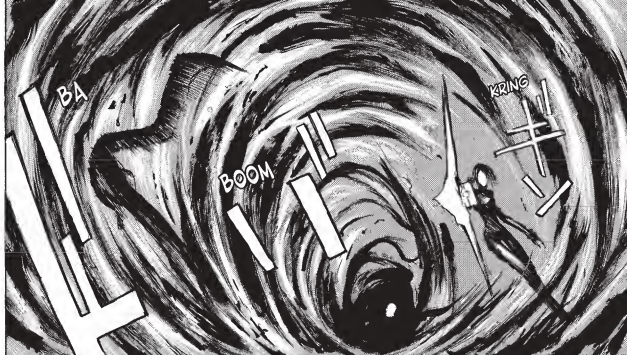
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WHAT ARE
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WE
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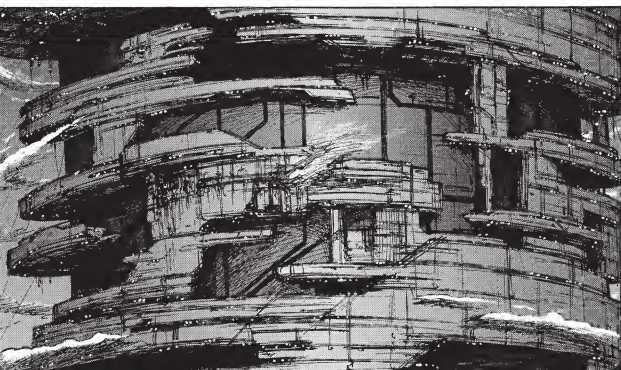








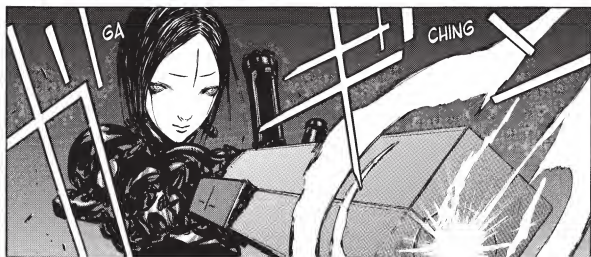


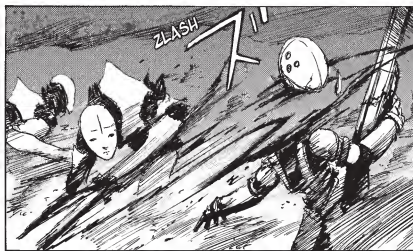


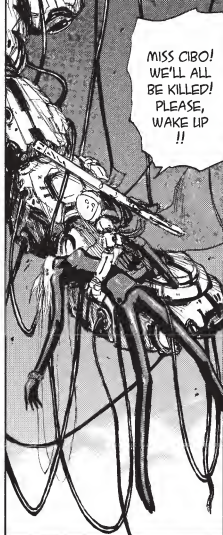
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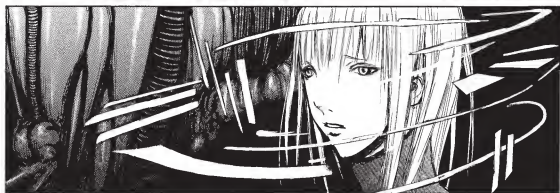
THE BACKUP WORLD

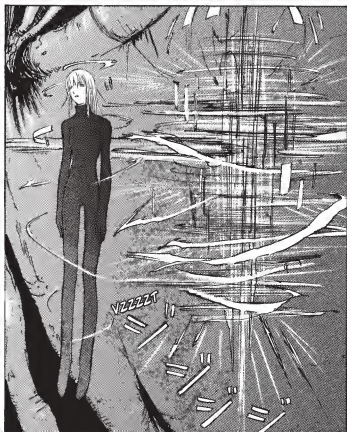




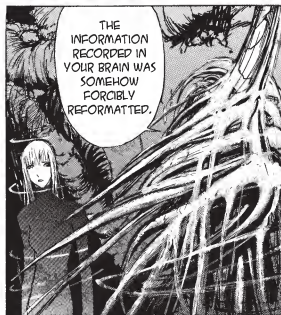
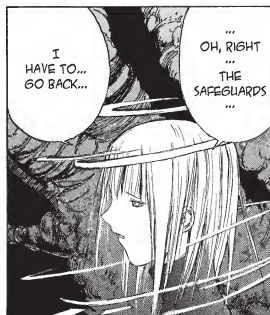
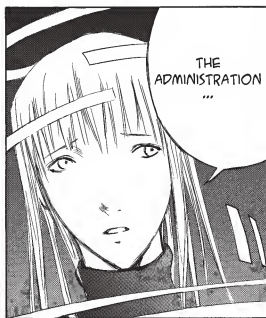
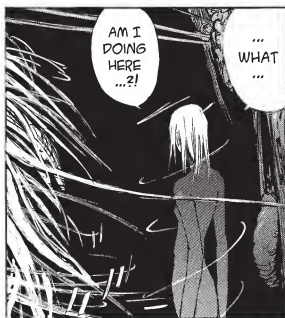


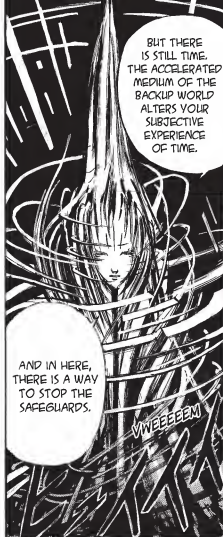








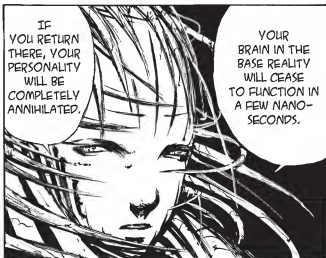




BUT THERE IS STILL TIME. THE ACCELERATED MEDIUM OF THE BACKUP WORLD ALTERS YOUR SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF TIME.

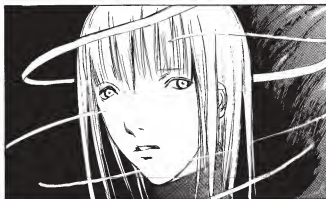
AND IN HERE, THERE IS A WAY TO STOP THE SAFEGUARDS.

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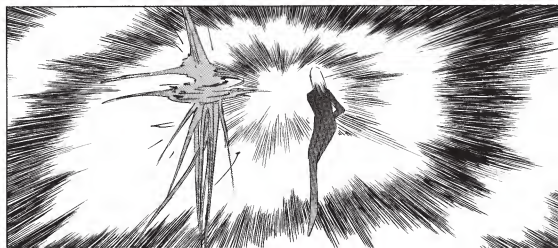
IF YOU RETURN THERE, YOUR PERSONALITY WILL BE COMPLETELY ANNIHILATED.

YOUR BRAIN IN THE BASE REALITY WILL CEASE TO FUNCTION IN A FEW NANO-SECONDS.

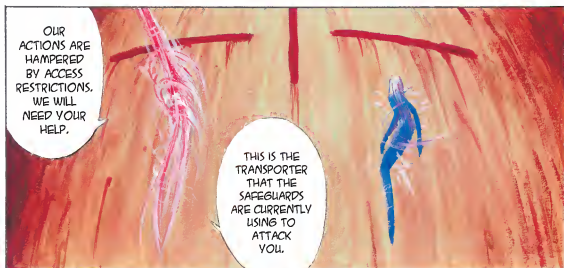


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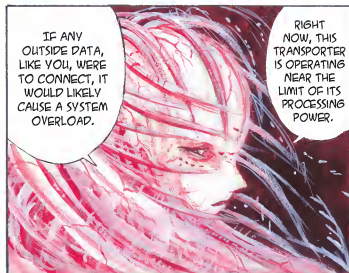






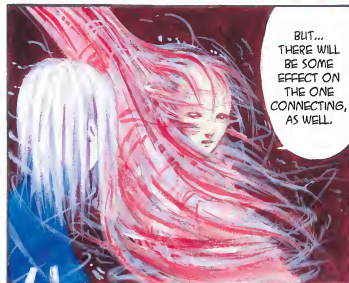
OUR
ACTIONS ARE
HAMPERED
BY ACCESS
RESTRICTIONS.
WE WILL
NEED YOUR
HELP.

THIS IS THE
TRANSPORTER
THAT THE
SAFEGUARDS
ARE CURRENTLY
USING TO
ATTACK
YOU.



IF ANY
OUTSIDE DATA,
LIKE YOU, WERE
TO CONNECT, IT
WOULD LIKELY
CAUSE A SYSTEM
OVERLOAD.

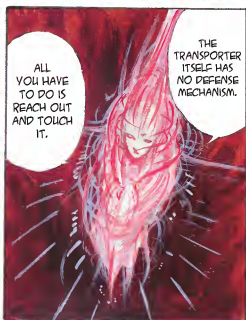
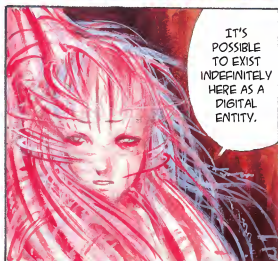
RIGHT
NOW, THIS
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IS OPERATING
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PROCESSING
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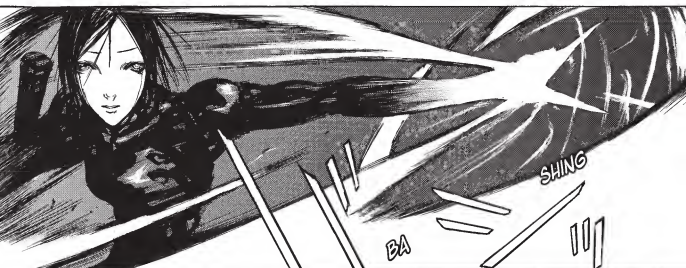
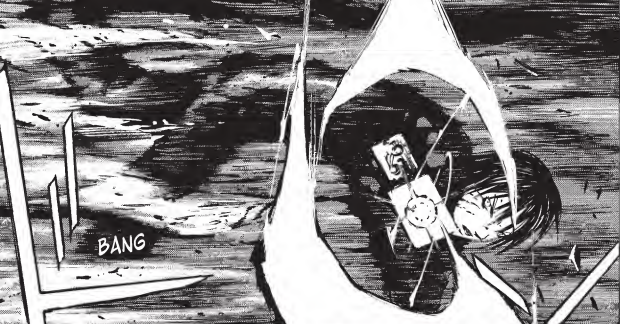
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THERE WILL
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THE ONE
CONNECTING,
AS WELL.

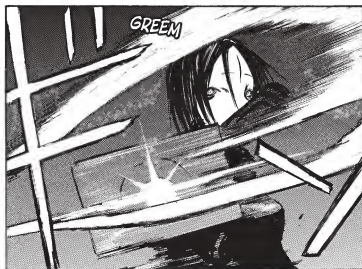
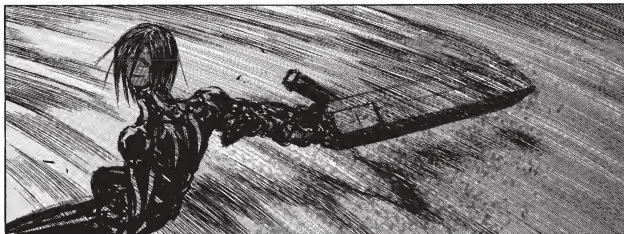


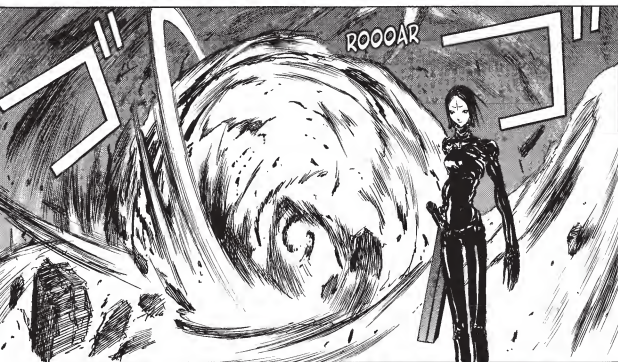
WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?

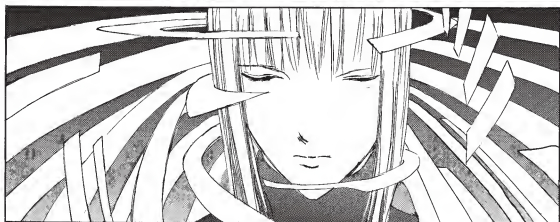




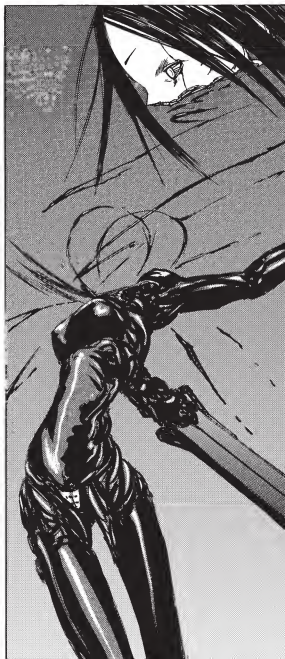
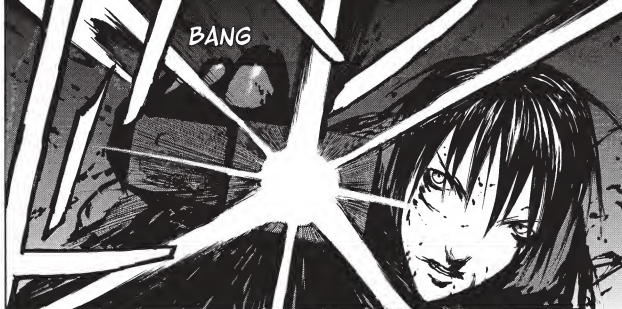


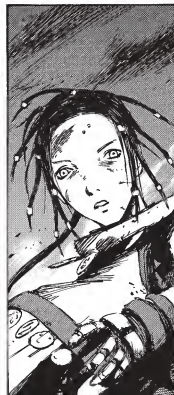
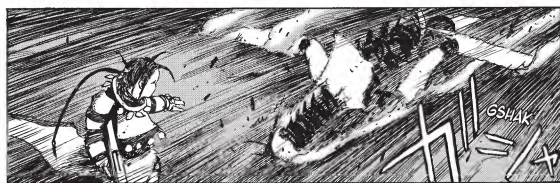
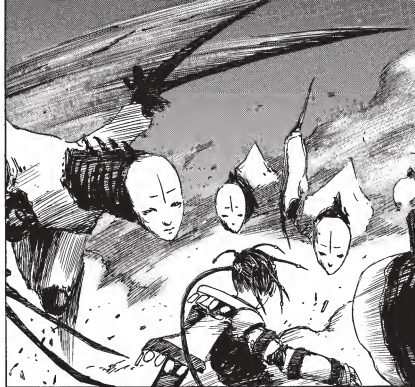




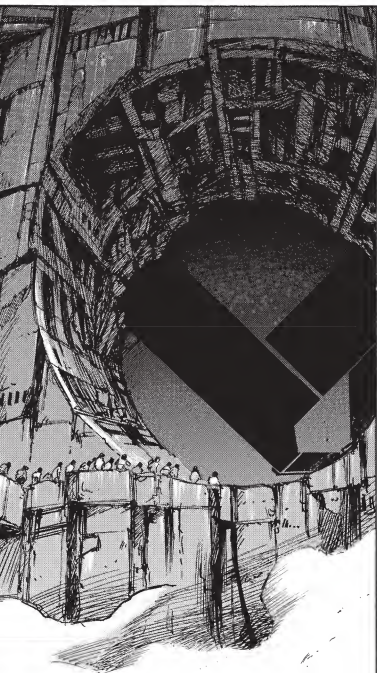
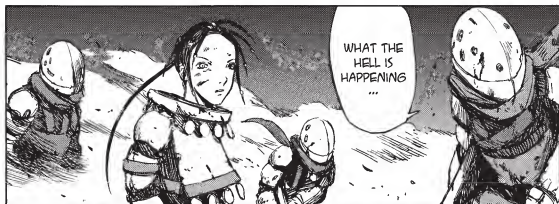




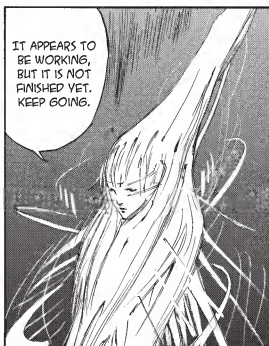
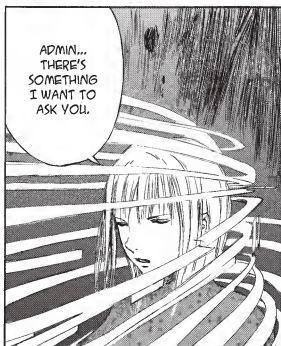
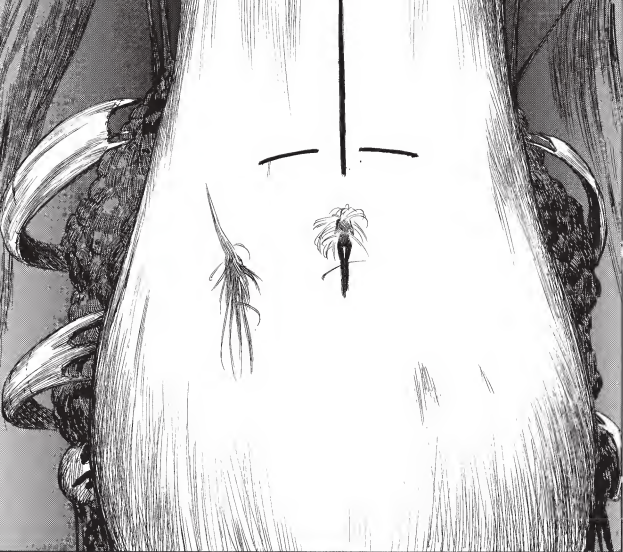


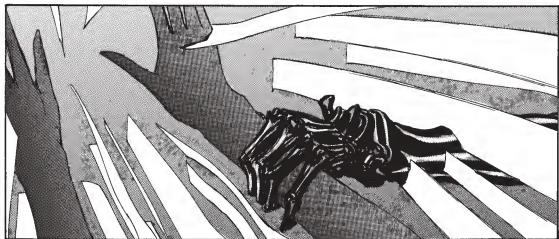
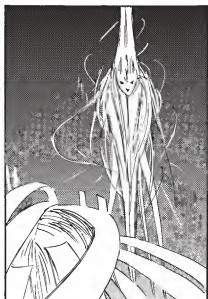
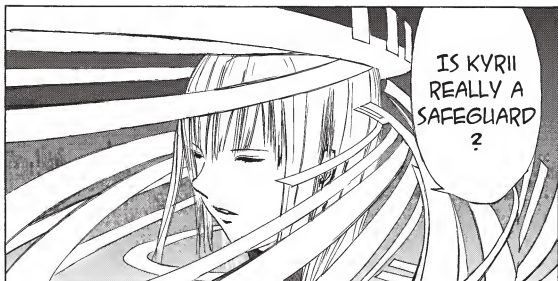


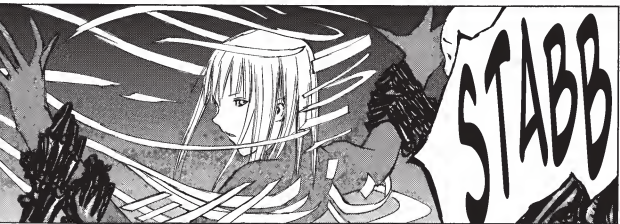
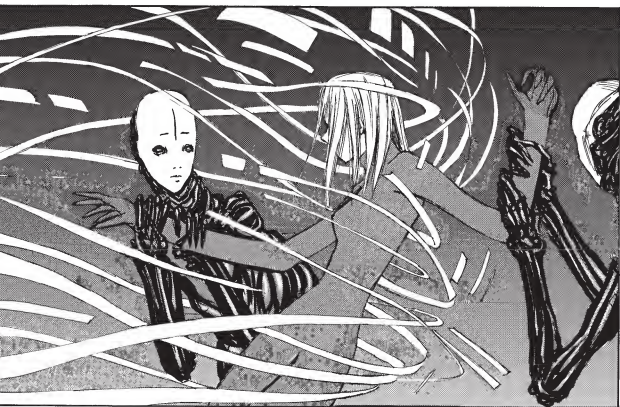




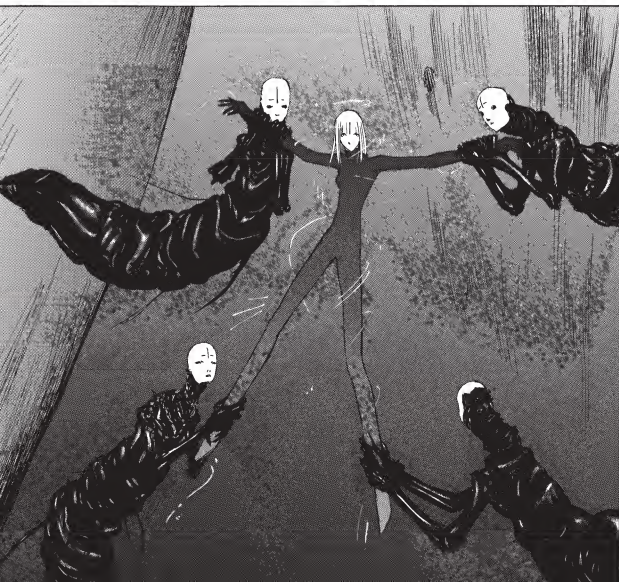
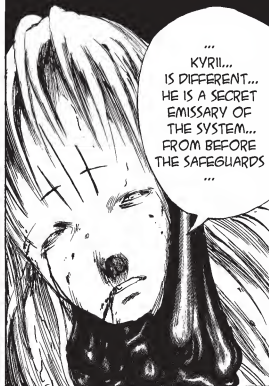
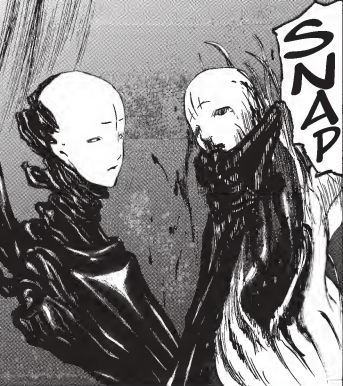


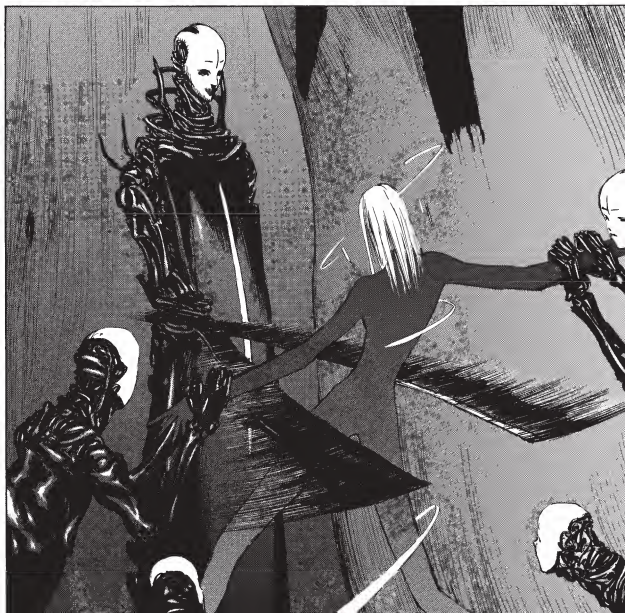
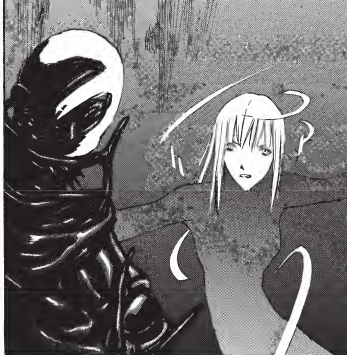


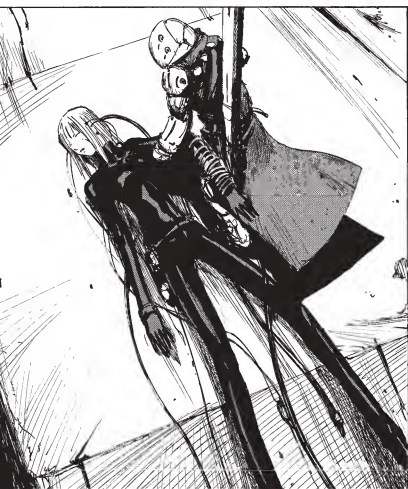


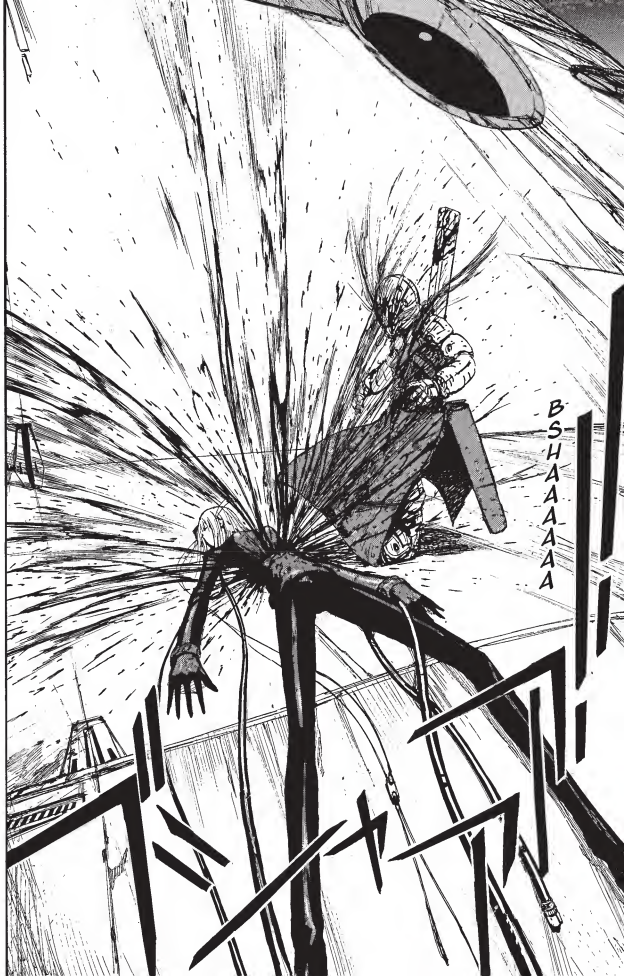




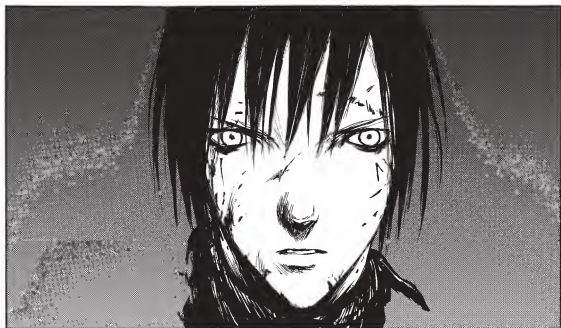








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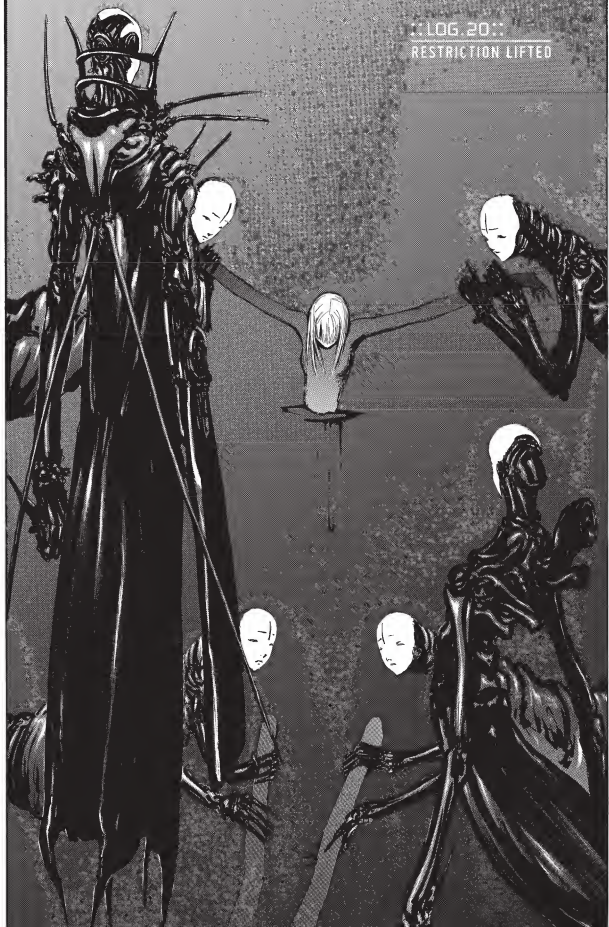
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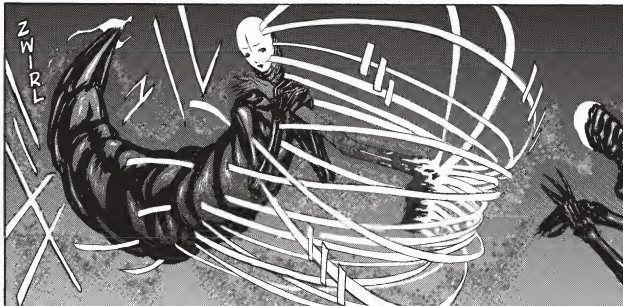
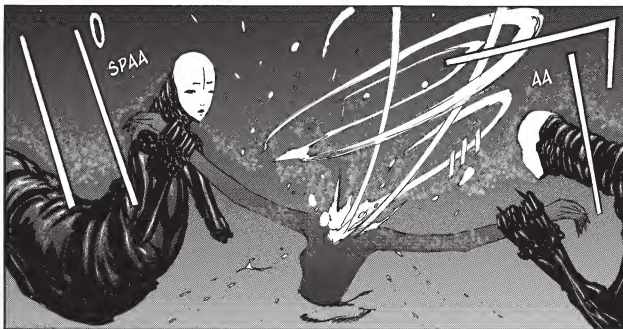
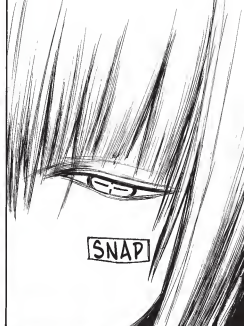


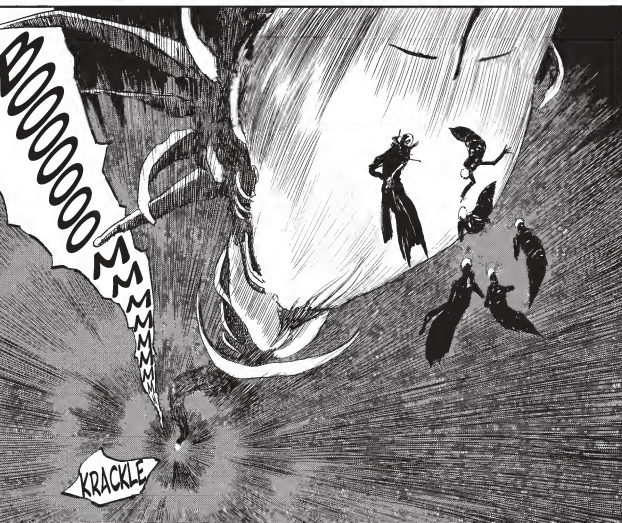
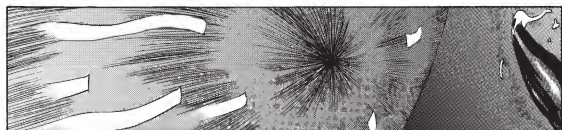
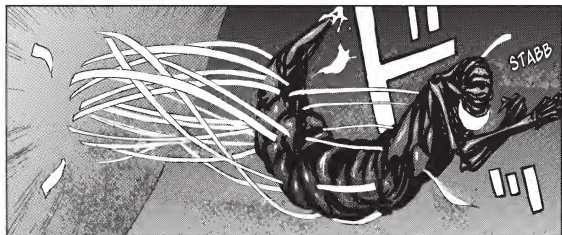


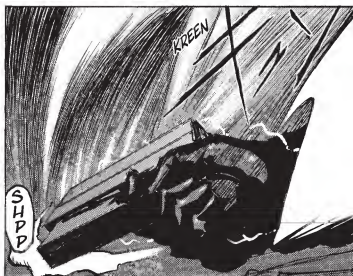
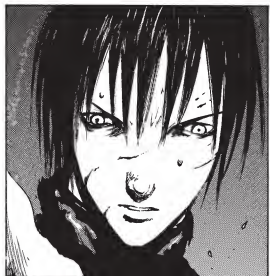
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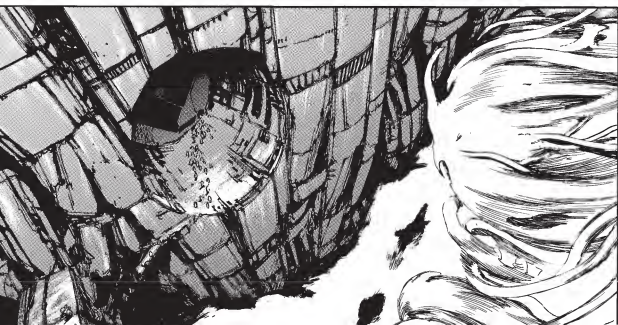
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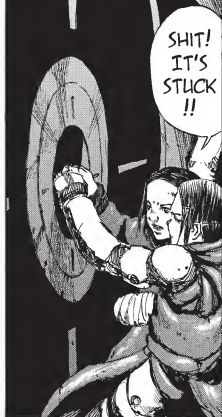


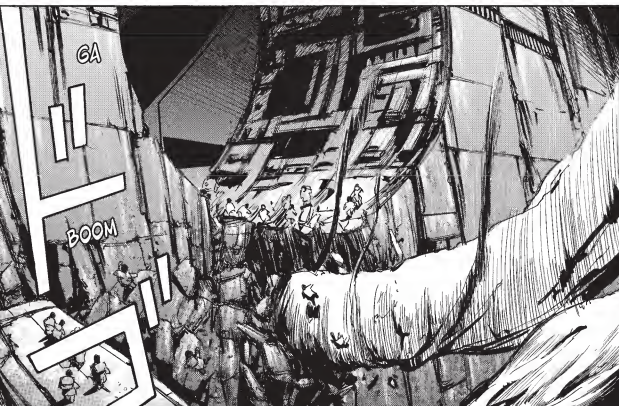
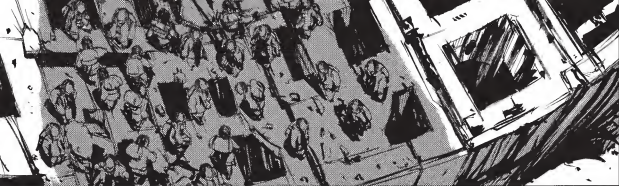


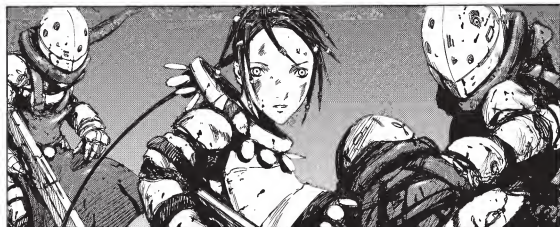




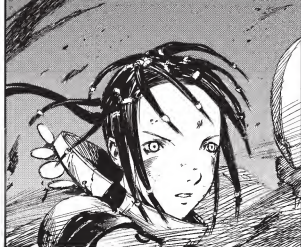


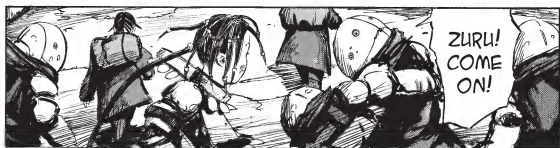
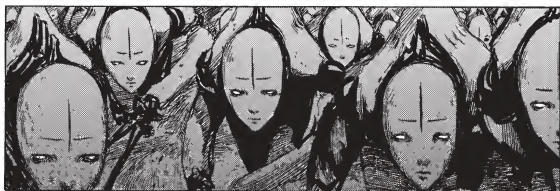


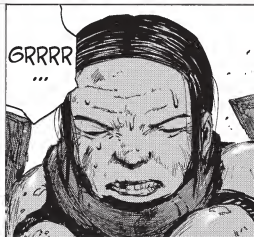
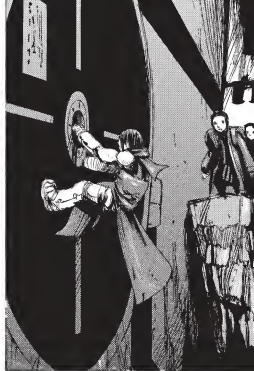




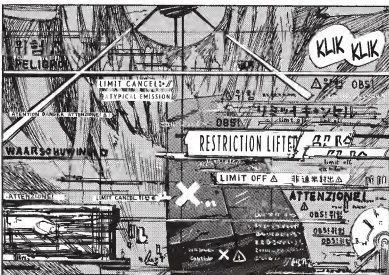
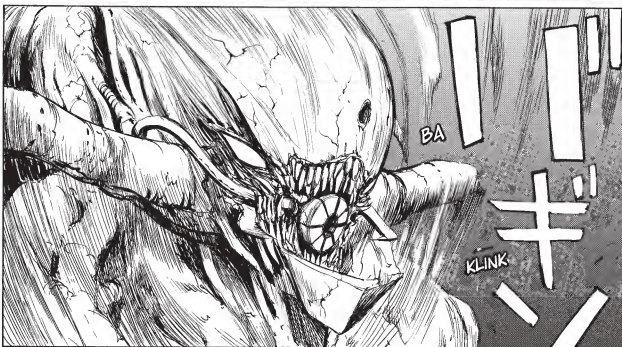




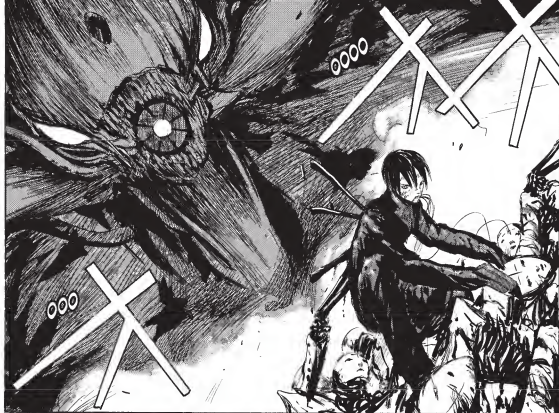


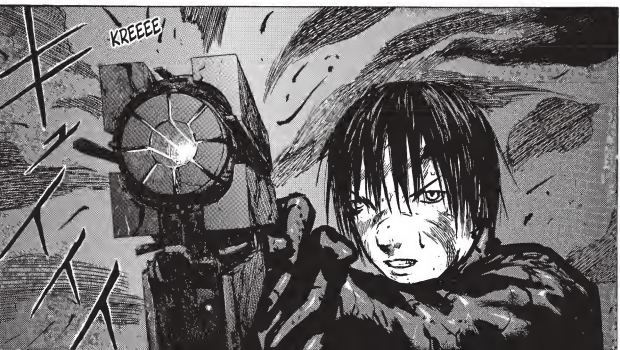
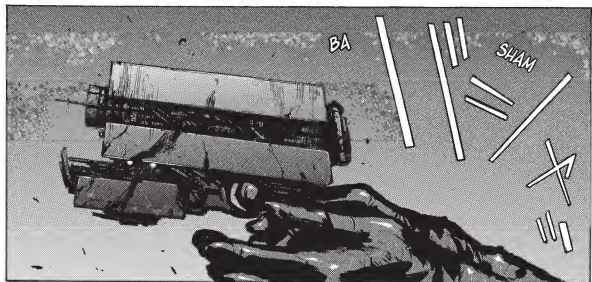




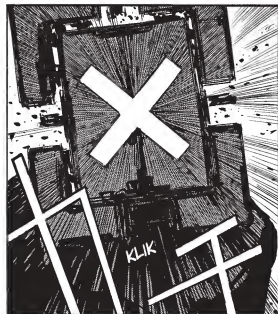
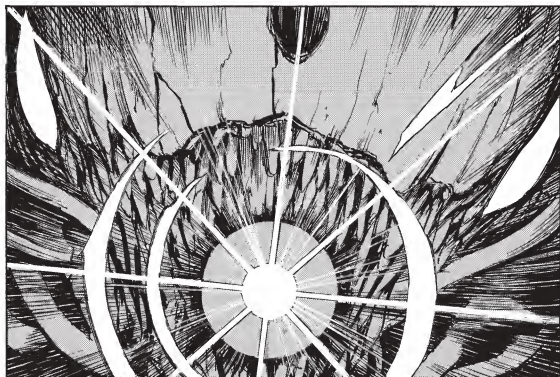




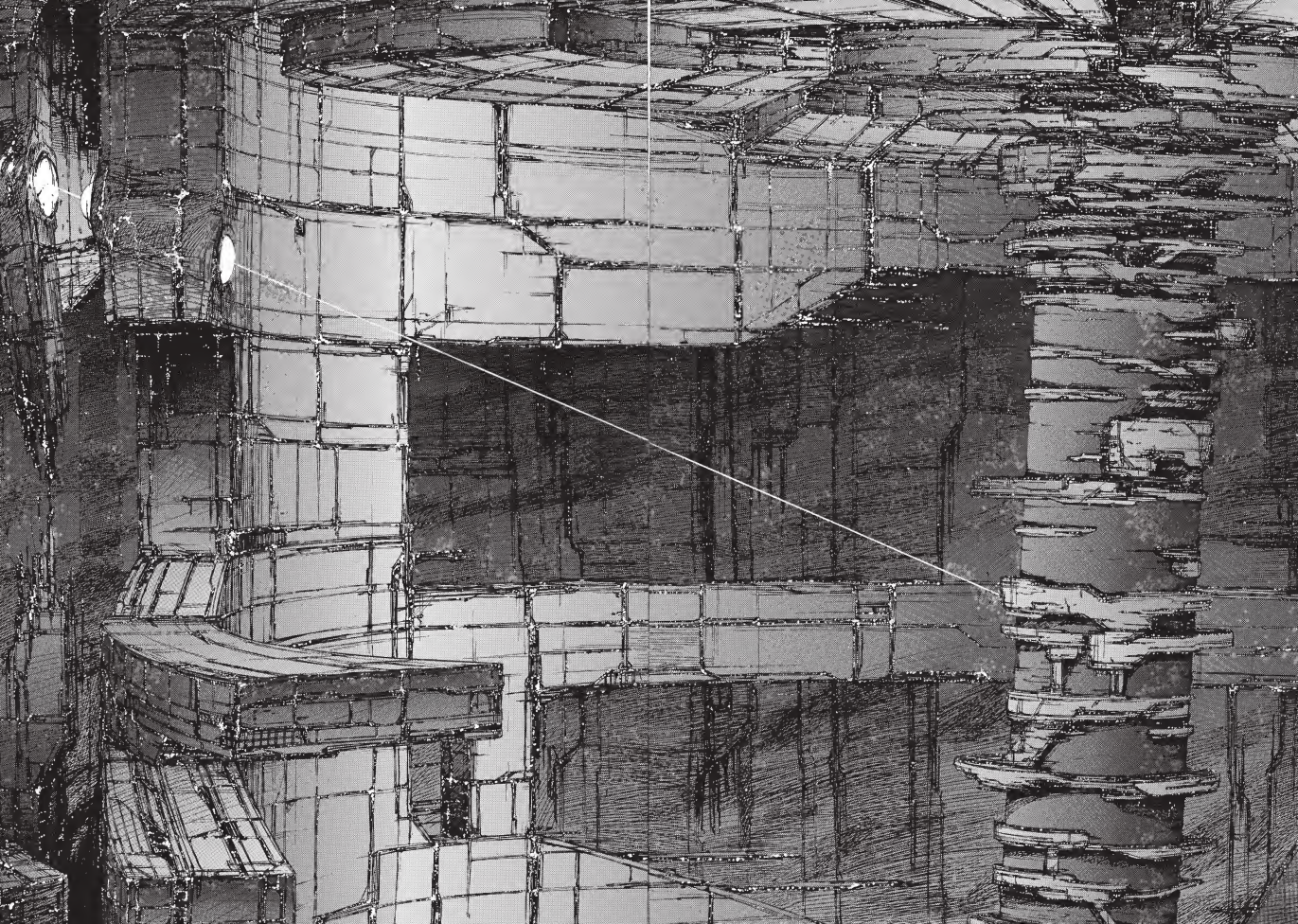








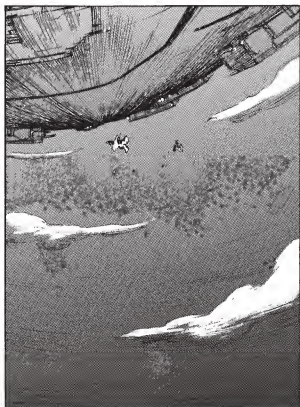
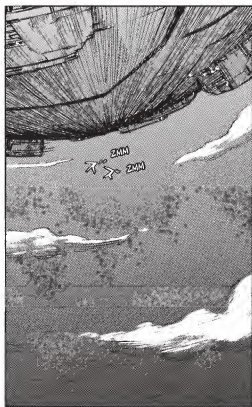






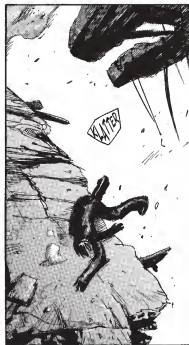


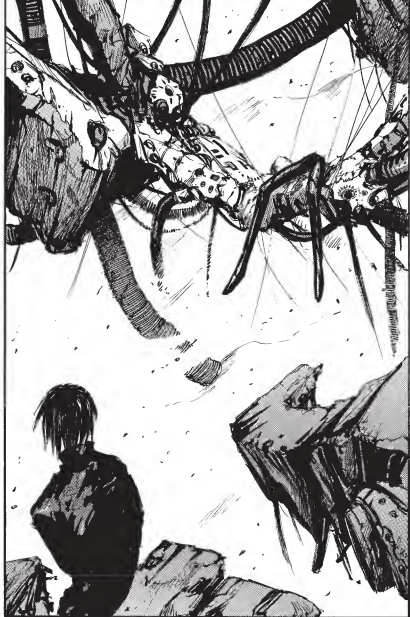


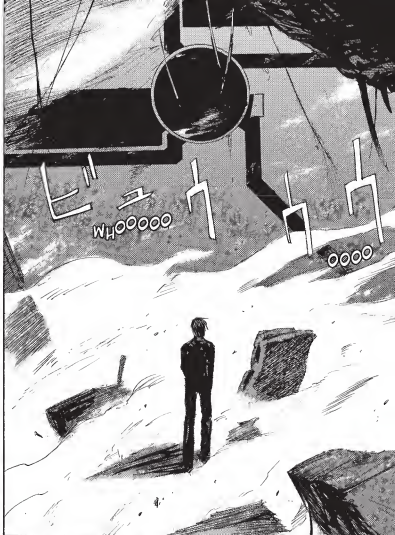


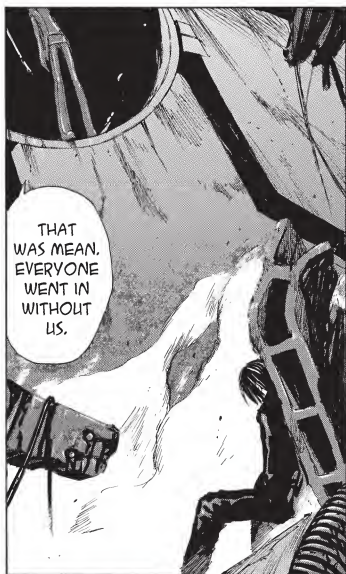






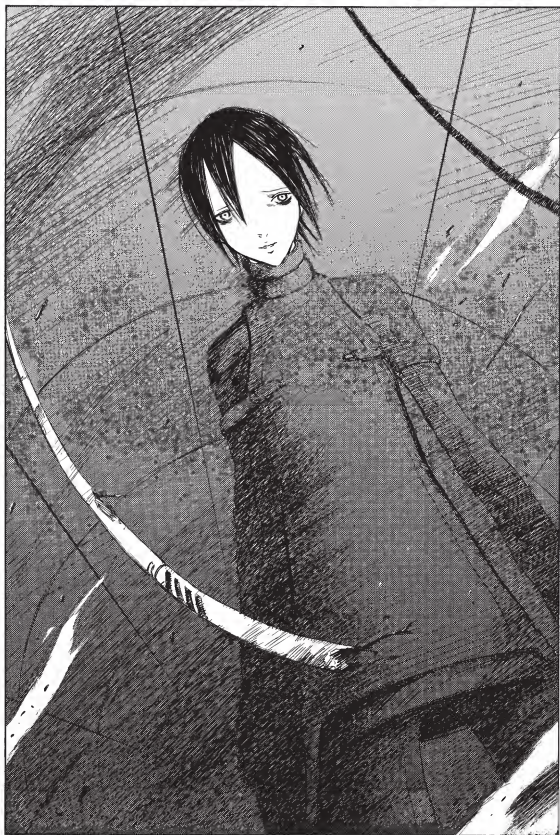






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